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WHEN *BILLY BATSON* AND HIS SISTER, *MARY BATSON*, SPEAK MY NAME... "*SHAZAM*" ... AND WHEN THEIR FRIEND *FREDDY FREEMAN* SAYS THE NAME OF HIS HERO, "*CAPTAIN MARVEL*" ... MAGIC LIGHTNING TRANSFORMS THEM INTO THE MIGHTY *MARVEL FAMILY*-- *CAPTAIN MARVEL*, *MARY MARVEL* AND *CAPTAIN MARVEL JR.*!

WHEN EVIL IS DEFEATED, THE SAME WORDS CHANGE THEM BACK! SO SUDDEN IS THE CHANGE THAT MOST PEOPLE DO NOT REALIZE WHAT HAS HAPPENED!

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PSST! HAVE I GOT A GREAT NEW STORY TO TELL YOU! BUT YOU MUST PROMISE NOT TO BREATHE IT TO A SOUL, BECAUSE IT'S TOP SECRET! IT'S ALL ABOUT ONE OF CAPTAIN MARVEL'S MOST FANTASTIC FEATS... WHEN HE SAVED THE WHOLE WORLD FROM DISASTER! AND YET, WHEN IT WAS ALL OVER, I HAD TO ADMIT THAT IT WAS THE DAY CAPTAIN MARVEL DID NOTHING TO SPEAK OF!
SHAZAM!
ALL THE POWERS OF SIX GREAT GODS AND HEROES HAVE BEEN GATHERED TOGETHER AND PLACED IN THE HANDS OF BOY BROADCASTER BILLY BATSON!
WHEN HE PRONOUNCES THE NAME OF THE ANCIENT EGYPTIAN WIZARD, SHAZAM, HE BECOMES, IN A BLINDING FLASH OF LIGHTNING, CAPTAIN MARVEL, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL!
THEN, WHEN EVIL IS DEFEATED, CAPTAIN MARVEL REPEATS THE WORD AND CHANGES BACK TO BILLY! SO AMAZING AND SUDDEN IS THE CHANGE THAT MOST PEOPLE NEVER REALIZE WHAT HAS HAPPENED!
CAREFUL, CAPTAIN MARVEL! IF YOU DROP ANY OF THOSE THINGS, THE WHOLE WORLD WILL TURN TO GOLD!
H-H-HOLY M-M-MOLEY! NOW I KNOW HOW ATLAS FELT!
SOLOMON- WISDOM
HERCULES- STRENGTH
ATLAS- STAMINA
ZEUS- POWER
ACHILLES- COURAGE
MERCURY- SPEED
ON A SPECIAL DAY, CAPTAIN MARVEL DASHES TO THE RESCUE TO SAVE THE EARTH FROM DISASTER! BUT HOW CAN THAT BE WHEN HISTORIES OF THE FUTURE SAY HE DID ABSOLUTELY NOTHING ON THIS DAY? FIND OUT, AS THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL BATTLES THE MENACE OF...
"The GOLDEN PLAGUE!"
STORY BY: E. NELSON BRIDWELL
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ONE MORNING, AS BOY NEWSCASTER BILLY BATSON ARRIVES AT HIS OFFICE AT STATION WHIZ...
MORNING, MISS JAMESON! ANY CALLS? ANY VISITORS?
NO, BILLY! IT'S BEEN A VERY QUIET MORNING!
BUT INSIDE...
HELLO, BILLY BATSON! OR SHOULD I CALL YOU CAPTAIN MARVEL?
HOLY MOLEY! HOW DO YOU KNOW I'M CAPTAIN MARVEL?
AND HOW DID YOU GET THROUGH THE DOOR WITHOUT MISS JAMESON SEEING YOU?
SIMPLE--I DIDN'T COME THROUGH THE DOOR! I CAME HERE THROUGH TIME! IN THE FUTURE, EVERYONE KNOWS ALL ABOUT YOU!
I'M JARL 499-642-831! I WORK FOR THE AMALGAMATED BROADCASTING SYSTEM IN THE YEAR 2349!
WHY, THAT'S MY NETWORK, TOO!
I HAVE AN IMPORTANT ASSIGNMENT YOU CAN HELP ME WITH!
I HAVE ONE MYSELF! IF YOU WANT TO TALK TO ME, YOU'LL HAVE TO COME ALONG!
BILLY... WHO... HOW...?
PSST! NO ONE BUT YOU MUST KNOW I'M FROM THE FUTURE!
UH... JUST A FRIEND WHO DROPPED IN! SEE YOU LATER!
I KNOW THERE WAS NO ONE IN THE OFFICE FIVE MINUTES AGO!
SOMEHOW THE WEIRDEST THINGS HAPPEN WHEN YOU WORK FOR BILLY BATSON! BUT WHAT ELSE CAN YOU EXPECT OF A BOY WHO CAN TURN INTO THE WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL HERO?
YOU SEE, IN THE FUTURE WE HAVE ALL YOUR RECORDS OF CAPTAIN MARVEL'S DEEDS!
BUT THEY SHOW HE DID NOTHING AT ALL TODAY!
THAT'S HARD TO BELIEVE! THERE'S ALWAYS SOME DAILY EMERGENCY FOR HIM TO HANDLE!
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BUT IF HE DID ANYTHING, YOU'D HAVE REPORTED IT! SINCE YOU DIDN'T, THERE WAS NO NEED FOR HIS SERVICES!
THAT SOUNDS LOGICAL!
BUT WHY SHOULD YOU COME BACK HERE TO COVER A DAY WHEN NOTHING HAPPENED?
BECAUSE IT'S DIFFERENT... UNIQUE! THE ONE DAY CAPTAIN MARVEL WAS NEVER CALLED ON TO DO ANYTHING!
WE MAY BOTH GET AN INTERESTING STORY ANYWAY! I'M GOING TO INTERVIEW DR. THOMAS KILOWATT, THE FAMOUS INVENTOR!
I'LL HAIL A CAB!
WHY BOTHER? CAPTAIN MARVEL CAN FLY!
YOU TRYING TO GET ME TO CHANGE ... AND ALTER HISTORY?
OH, NO! TIME-TRAVELERS ARE STRICTLY FORBIDDEN TO DO THAT!
TAXI
SOON, AT THE PHONOGRAPH HILL HOME OF DR. KILOWATT...
WELL, HERE'S THE PLACE!
AND EVERYTHING'S STILL QUIET, JUST AS I PREDICTED!
TAXI
GUESS YOU SPOKE TOO SOON! LOOK UP THERE, JARL!
HELP!
DR. KILOWATT'S IN THAT BALLOON... AND IN TROUBLE! SORRY TO SPOIL YOUR STORY, BUT...
SHAZAM!
THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE! ACCORDING TO OUR HISTORY, IT CAN'T HAPPEN!
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THE NAME OF THE ANCIENT WIZARD BRINGS MAGIC LIGHTNING...
BOOM!
...CHANGING BILLY TO THE MIGHTY CAPTAIN MARVEL!
HANG ON, DOC... HERE I COME TO THE RESCUE!
WHAT HAPPENED, DOC?
I WANTED TO CHECK WEATHER CONDITIONS BEFORE I CONDUCT MY NEW EXPERIMENT!
BUT I DIDN'T KNOW QUITE HOW TO GET MY WEATHER BALLOON BACK DOWN TO EARTH!
IF YOU WANTED TO KNOW THE WEATHER, WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST PHONE THE WEATHER BUREAU?
THE WEATHER BUREAU?! WHY, I NEVER THOUGHT OF THAT!
THERE! I'LL BE GOING NOW, SIR!
UH...YES... I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH...
SHAZAM!
BOOM!
...BILLY BATSON! AH! HERE HE IS NOW!
HI, DR. KILOWATT!
THIS IS MY FRIEND JARL!
GLAD TO MEET YOU, SIR!
THE WEATHER'S CLEAR... EXCEPT FOR THOSE STRANGE LIGHTNING FLASHES THAT ALWAYS STRIKE WHEN CAPTAIN MARVEL'S AROUND!
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SOON, IN DR. KILOWATT'S LAB...
I BELIEVE I HAVE PERFECTED THE MIDAS EFFECT... THE SECRET OF TURNING ORDINARY OBJECTS TO GOLD!
IF IT WORKS, YOU CAN REPEAT IT FOR THE TV-CAMERAS LATER!
WATCH THAT IRON BAR!
EUREKA! THE BAR HAS CHANGED TO GOLD!
GOOD HEAVENS! THE TABLE HAS BECOME GOLD, TOO! AND THE CHAIRS ... AND EVEN THE MACHINE!
EVERYTHING TOUCHING THE GOLD BECOMES GOLD ITSELF!
I'VE MISCALCULATED! THE MACHINE HAS STARTED A CHAIN REACTION!
IN SECONDS, IT WILL TURN THE FLOOR TO GOLD... THEN THE LAB... AND US!
SHAZAM!
BOOM!
THANK GOODNESS YOU'VE COME BACK, CAPTAIN MARVEL! THESE THINGS WILL SOON TURN ANYTHING THEY TOUCH TO GOLD!
EVERYTHING BUT ME, OF COURSE! I'M INVULNERABLE!
BY LIFTING THIS STUFF OFF THE FLOOR, IT DOESN'T TOUCH ANYTHING BUT ME! THE DANGER WILL SOON BE OVER!
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THERE! NOW YOU'LL HAVE TIME TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO REVERSE YOUR MIDAS EFFECT!
I'M AFRAID THERE IS NO WAY! ONCE STARTED, IT CANNOT BE REVERSED!
YOU MEAN I'LL HAVE TO STAND HERE FOREVER... LIKE ATLAS HOLDING UP THE HEAVENS?
WORSE! THE EFFECT WILL SOON BEGIN WORKING ON THE VERY AIR! IT WILL BE CARRIED TO ALL SOLIDS AND CHANGE THEM TO GOLD, TOO!
"FIRST SOLIDS, THEN LIQUIDS... FINALLY THE ATMOSPHERE ITSELF WILL TURN TO GOLD!..."
HOLY MOLEY! EVERYONE ELSE IS GOLD! I'M THE LAST HUMAN BEING ALIVE!
ACCORDING TO MY MENTAL CALCULATIONS, IN TWO MINUTES AND 34 SECONDS, THE AIR-TRANSFER WILL BEGIN!
WAIT...I HAVE ANOTHER IDEA! I'LL COMPRESS THE GOLD OBJECTS ALL TOGETHER...
--INTO THIS TINY NUGGET OF GOLD! I CAN HANDLE IT EASILY, THOUGH IT WEIGHS A TON!
I'LL CARRY IT INTO THE SUN... BURY IT THERE!
OH, NO! THAT WOULD BE JUST AS BAD!
THE EFFECT WOULD ALSO WORK IN THE SUN, TURNING ALL ITS ELEMENTS TO GOLD!
THEN IT WOULD BE JUST A BIG LUMP OF GOLD, WITH NO LIGHT OR HEAT! LIFE ON EARTH WOULD STILL PERISH!
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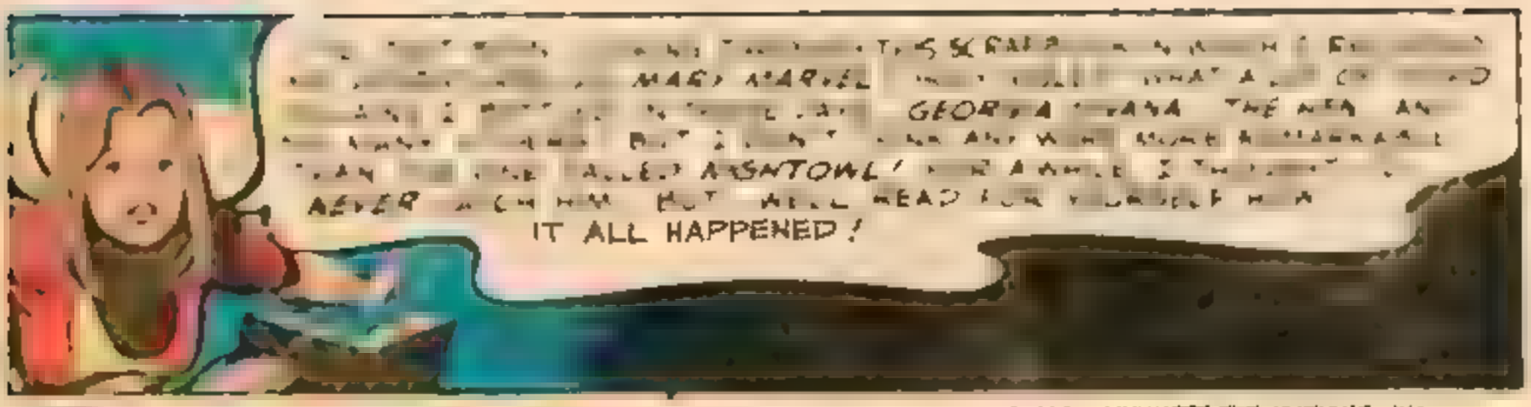
IT'S HOPELESS! IN ONE MINUTE AND 57 SECONDS, I'LL TURN TO GOLD!
EVERY ATOM OF ME WILL CHANGE -- EXCEPT MY GOLD FILLINGS, OF COURSE!
GOLD FILLINGS? HOLY MOLEY! THAT'S IT!
OPEN WIDE, DOCTOR! I WANT TO BORROW THOSE FILLINGS!
YOU CAN GET NEW ONES LATER!
I'M HOLDING THE DANGEROUS GOLD NUGGET IN MY CHEEK WHILE I TURN THE FILLINGS INTO GOLD FOIL! LUCKY GOLD IS SO STRETCHABLE!
NOW I WRAP THE FOIL AROUND THE PILL...
OF COURSE! THE ONE SUBSTANCE THE MIDAS EFFECT CAN'T CHANGE INTO GOLD IS NATURAL GOLD! SURROUNDED BY IT, THE MIDAS GOLD WILL BE HARMLESS!
NOW I'LL PUT THIS IN A SAFE PLACE, WHERE NO ONE WILL EVER FIND IT!
WE'VE GOT TO PROMISE TO KEEP MY EXPERIMENT A SECRET! OTHERWISE GREEDY PEOPLE MIGHT TRY TO MAKE GOLD FOR THEMSELVES... AND START THE WHOLE MESS OVER AGAIN!
LATER, IN BILLY'S OFFICE...
WELL, NOW I KNOW WHY CAPTAIN MARVEL HAD NO EXPLOITS RECORDED FOR TODAY!
BUT YOU CAN'T REVEAL IT! WE PROMISED!
DON'T WORRY! I'LL KEEP QUIET! GOODBYE, BILLY!
SO LONG! AND REMEMBER ... SILENCE IS GOLDEN!
THE END



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MARY MARVEL

NIGHTOWL

PART 1:

'EVIL IN THE NIGHT'

SHAZAM

GREAT GODDESSES HAVE BEEN GATHERED AND PLACED IN THE HANDS OF GENTLE MARY BATSON! WHEN SHE CALLS THE NAME OF THE ANCIENT WIZARD, SHAZAM, MARY BECOMES, IN A BLINDING FLASH OF LIGHTNING, MARY MARVEL, THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST GIRL, WHO IS INVULNERABLE TO PHYSICAL HARM!!

I'M HENRY STIBBS, MA'AM! MY FACE-UH--WAS BURNED IN AN ACCIDENT! I HAVE TO KEEP IT BANDAGED UP! DO YOU HAVE A ROOM FOR ME?

CERTAINLY, YOU POOR MAN! MARY, SHOW MR. STIBBS TO A ROOM.

DON'T WANT ANYBODY TO SEE ME IN THIS CONDITION!

NIGHTOWL!

I CAN SEE IN THE DARK LIKE AN OWL. BUT LIGHT BLINDS ME SO I'LL PULL DOWN THE SHADE!
NIGHT, WHEN ALL IS DARK IS THE TIME FOR NIGHTOWL TO PROWL!
WHO IS NIGHTOWL? WHAT SINISTER PLOT IS HE FERMENTING?
THAT EVENING MARY BATSON GOES TO A TELEVISION STUDIO . .
THIS IS SOMETHING UNIQUE! THEY'RE SHOWING A JEWEL COLLECTION BY TELEVISION!
FOLKS! SINCE MOST OF YOU DON'T HAVE TIME TO GO TO A MUSEUM, WE ARE SHOWING YOU THIS JEWEL EXHIBIT BY TELEVISION! THIS IS A FAMOUS QUEEN ANNE NECKLACE!
PLEASE GO BACK TO YOUR SEAT MA'AM! NO ONE IS PERMITTED ON THE STAGE!
NOT EVEN NIGHTOWL?
I WANT THAT JEWEL COLLECTION, AND I KNOW JUST HOW TO GET IT--- WITH MY DARKFLASH! IT SHINES OUT PITCH BLACK DARKNESS!
I CAN'T SEE!
BUT I CAN.. PERFECTLY! AHH--THE JEWELS ARE MINE!

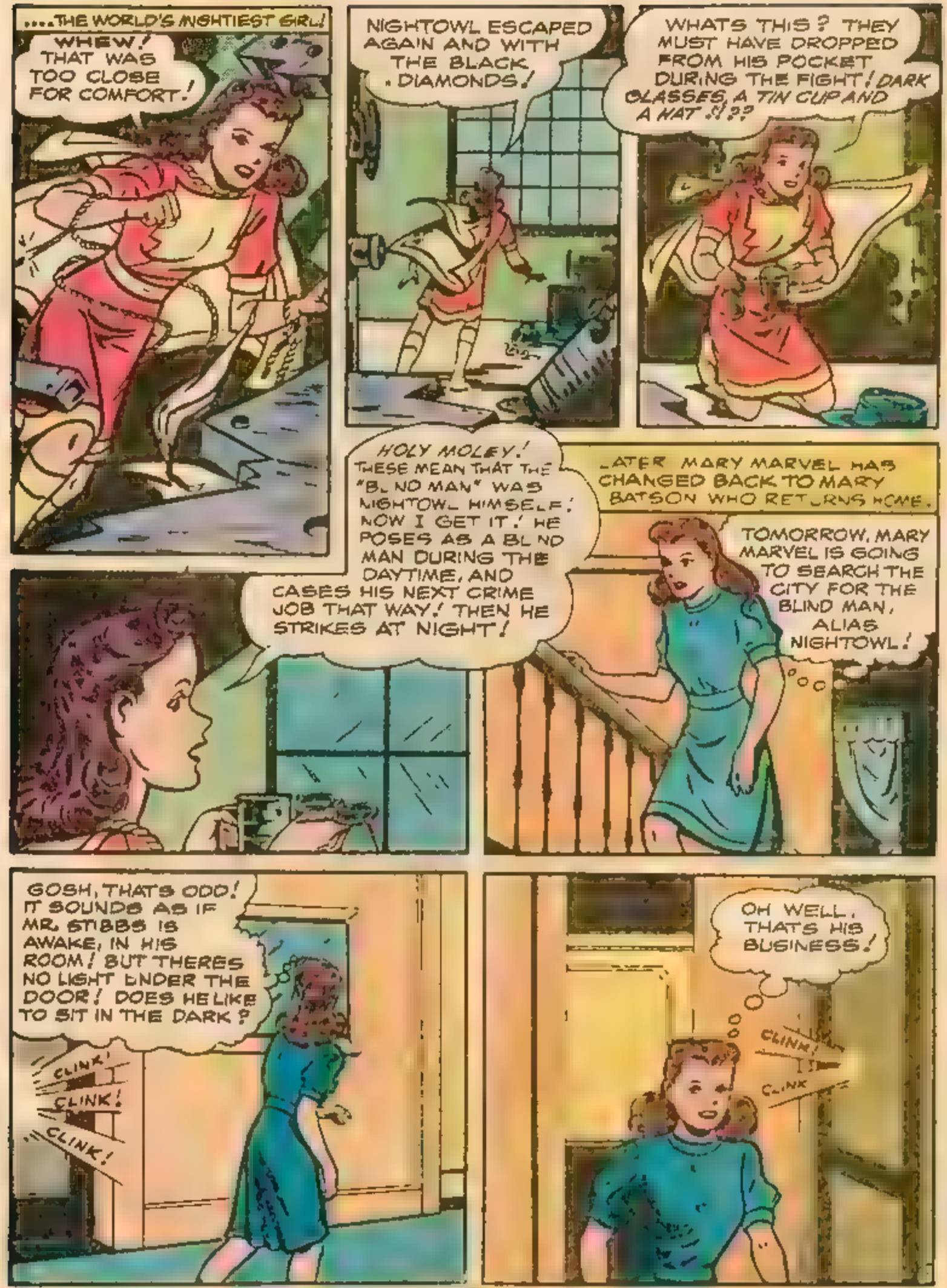
BUT IN THE AUDIENCE, MARY BATSON IS ALERT, AND....
HOLY MOLEY! WHAT A DARING ROBBERY!
SHAZAM!
MAGIC LIGHTNING BRINGS MARY MARVEL!
BOOM!
YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS, MR. NIGHTOWL!
EXIT
WON'T I? I'LL SHINE THE DARKFLASH STRAIGHT INTO YOUR EYES, BLINDING YOU WITH DARKNESS!
OHH! I CAN'T SEE A THING!
RECOVERING QUICKLY, MARY MARVEL PURSUES....
THERE HE GOES AROUND THAT CORNER!
HE'S GONE! PARDON ME, SIR, DID YOU SEE---ER--NO, OF COURSE NOT!
HOW CAN A BLIND MAN SEE WHO WENT BY?
DOGGONE! NIGHTOWL GOT AWAY! HE'S A CLEVER CROOK, WITH THAT DARKFLASH OF HIS! WELL, MARY BATSON HAD BETTER GET BACK HOME!
OH, HELLO, MR. STIBBS! WERE YOU OUT FOR A WALK?
YES, MY DEAR! IT WAS MOST ENJOYABLE!
LATER, BY REPEATING THE MAGIC WORD, MARY MARVEL CHANGES BACK TO MARY BATSON...

MARY BATSON DOES NOT KNOW THAT THE VERY CROOK SHE IS AFTER IS UNDER HER OWN ROOF!
WHAT A PERFECT HIDE-OUT THIS IS! NO ONE WILL EVER SUSPECT THAT NIGHT-OWL LIVES IN THE HOUSE OF RESPECTABLE MRS. BROMFIELD! I'LL HIDE THE LOOT IN THIS ROOM, AND PULL MANY MORE CRIMES!
THE FOLLOWING EVENING - - - - -
GOLLY I HOPE MARY MARVEL CATCHES THAT NIGHTOWL SOON! OH, DEAR! A BUTTON POPPED OFF MY DRESS!
POP!
HERE'S MY BUTTON! HEY, THERE'S THAT BLIND MAN I SAW LAST NIGHT! HE'S ON A DIFFERENT CORNER TODAY!
POOR MAN! I'LL GIVE HIM A LITTLE SOMETHING!
THANK YOU!
THAT WAS MARY BATSON THE GIRL WHOSE HOUSE I LIVE IN! BUT I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HER! IT'S TIME FOR NIGHTOWL TO STRIKE!
DURING THE DAY, BY POSING AS A BLIND MAN, I CASE MY NEXT JOB! I KNOW THE MOVEMENTS OF THE WATCHMAN!
MEANWHILE MARY PAUSES.....
OH MY GOODNESS! THIS DIME IN MY HAND--- I THOUGHT I GAVE IT TO THE BLIND MAN! I MUST HAVE GIVEN HIM MY DRESS BUTTON BY MISTAKE!

HE MUST THINK I WAS PLAYING HIM A RUDE JOKE! I'LL GO BACK AND GIVE HIM THE MONEY.... OH SCRAM HERE GONE.
WHAT'S THAT? SOUNDS LIKE TROUBLE AT THAT FACTORY! SHAZAM!
POW!
UGH!
MAGIC LIGHTNING AGAIN BRINGS MARY MARVEL!
THE WATCHMAN--- KNOCKED OUT! SOMEBODY MUST BE ATTEMPTING A ROBBERY!
MEANWHILE---
I'VE GOT THEM--- BLACK DIAMONDS! THEY'RE USED IN INDUSTRY FOR CUTTING TOOLS -- AND THEY'RE WORTH PLENTY!
GOT YOU THIS TIME. THE LIGHT BLINDED YOU!
BAM!
LET'S TURN ON THE LIGHTS AND SEE WHO------ NIGHTOWL!
AGH! LIGHT! MY EYES! I CAN'T SEE!
THOR WAS BLINDED BY THE BRILLIANT LIGHT THE CUNNING NIGHTOWL NEVER THOUGHT TO BE A STRONG ADVERSARY ---
HOLY MOLEY! HOW STUPID OF ME I FORGOT HIS DARKFLASH!

HE'S TURNED THE LIGHTS OUT AGAIN AND BESIDES HE'S GOT THAT DARK-FLASH FOCUSED ON ME! WAIT... I KNOW HOW TO MAKE SOME LIGHT...
SHAZAM!
AT THE MYSTIC WORD, A BRIGHT FLASH OF MAGIC LIGHTNING LEAPS DOWN, LIGHTING UP THE DUNGEON! IT ALSO CHANGES MARY MARVEL BACK TO MARY BATSON!
??? LIGHT AGAIN!
I'VE GOT YOU --- SHAZ---
WITH PITCH DARKNESS COVERING THE ROOM AGAIN, NIGHTOWL REGAINS HIS SIGHT
WHAM!
OHH--
WHY--WHY THIS ISN'T MARY MARVEL--- ---IT'S MARY BATSON! HOW DID SHE GET HERE???
BUT NO MATTER. IF SHE HAS DISCOVERED MY SECRET, SHE WON'T LIVE TO TELL. I HAVE GAGGED HER SO SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO CRY OUT! THIS PRESSER MACHINE WILL CRUSH HER TO DEATH!
HAS THE CUNNING NIGHTOWL WON? IS THERE ANY ESCAPE FOR THE BRAVE G'RL? TURN TO THE NEXT MARY MARVEL STORY FOR THE CLIMAX BATTLE BETWEEN MARY MARVEL AND NIGHTOWL!

MARY MARVEL
NIGHTOWL
PART III
FATES CHOICE
(GASP!) IN A
A GUARD GATE IS COMING DOWN! IT'S AUTOMATIC! IT MUST PREVENT WORKMEN FROM GETTING THEIR HANDS CRUSHED!
SHAZAM!


....THE WORLD'S NIGHTIEST GIRL!
WHEW! THAT WAS TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT!
NIGHTOWL ESCAPED AGAIN AND WITH THE BLACK DIAMONDS!
WHAT'S THIS? THEY MUST HAVE DROPPED FROM HIS POCKET DURING THE FIGHT! DARK GLASSES, A TIN CUP AND A HAT!!??
HOLY MOLEY! THESE MEAN THAT THE "BLIND MAN" WAS NIGHTOWL HIMSELF! NOW I GET IT! HE POSES AS A BLIND MAN DURING THE DAYTIME, AND CASES HIS NEXT CRIME JOB THAT WAY! THEN HE STRIKES AT NIGHT!
LATER MARY MARVEL HAS CHANGED BACK TO MARY BATSON WHO RETURNS HOME.
TOMORROW, MARY MARVEL IS GOING TO SEARCH THE CITY FOR THE BLIND MAN, ALIAS NIGHTOWL!
GOSH, THAT'S ODD! IT SOUNDS AS IF MR. STIBBS IS AWAKE, IN HIS ROOM! BUT THERES NO LIGHT UNDER THE DOOR! DOES HE LIKE TO SIT IN THE DARK?
CLINK!
CLINK!
CLINK!
OH WELL, THATS HIS BUSINESS!
CLINK!
CLINK

I'M CASING THE CITY POWER PLANT!
NOBODY KNOWS THIS IS MY HIDE-OUT, NOT EVEN MARY MARVEL! AND TOMORROW NIGHT, I PULL MY BIGGEST JOB OF ALL!
BUT ALL DAY LONG MARY MARVEL HAS BEEN GRIMLY CRU
THE CITY AND FINALLY
BLIND MAN IN THE CITY! WAIT - - THERE'S ANOTHER
THIS IS THE ONE- --IT'S NIGHTOWL! I'M GOING TO WAIT TO SEE WHAT HIS NEXT MOVE IS!
WHEN NIGHT FALLS..
NOW'S THE TIME! I NOTICED THIS WINDOW OPEN!
AUTOMATIC, AND RUN BY THEM-SELVES!
ONLY THIS ENGINEER ON DUTY! OUT HE GOES, LIKE A LIGHT!
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THE MASTER SWITCH! WHEN I PULL IT, ALL THE ELECTRIC LIGHTS IN THE CITY WILL GO OFF! AND THEN, WITH MY OWL EYES, I'LL BE ABLE TO PLUNDER AT WILL IN THE DARKNESS!
HOLD IT, NIGHTOWL! CAUGHT YOU RED-HANDED!
MARY MARVEL! BUT MY DARKFLASH WILL BLIND YOU AGAIN!
WILL IT? I'M PREPARED THIS TIME! I'VE GOT A FLASHLIGHT!
YEOWWW! TURN IT OFF! I CAN'T STAND LIGHT IN MY EYES!
BUT I CAN STILL PULL THE MASTER SWITCH, PLUNGING THE CITY IN DARKNESS!
HEY!
WHAT'S WRONG?
ALL THE LIGHTS HAVE GONE OUT!
HOLY MOLEY! I'VE GOT TO TURN ON THAT SWITCH AGAIN!
WHICH GIVES ME TIME TO ESCAPE -- IN THE DARK!
THERE! AT LEAST I SPOILED NIGHT-OWL'S PLOT! BUT HE'S GONE AGAIN!

LATER, AFTER HAVING COMBED THE CITY FOR NIGHTOWL, OUR HEROINE CHANGES BACK TO MARY BATSON, WHO RETURNS HOME.....
IF I ONLY KNEW WHERE NIGHTOWL'S HIDE-OUT IS.
HOLY MOLEY! COULD THE ANSWER BE RIGHT UNDER THIS ROOF? OUR NEW BOARDER ALWAYS LIKES TO SIT IN THE DARK!
MR. STIBBS! WHY ARE YOU SITTING IN THE DARK AGAIN?
EH? YOU!
NO! NO! TURN IT OFF! I CAN'T STAND LIGHT IN MY EYES!
I THOUGHT SO!
SHAZAM!
FLICK!
BOOM!
NIGHTOWL! YOU WERE UNDER MY NOSE ALL THE TIME!
GULP!
WHEN I GET THROUGH WITH YOU, YOU'LL REALLY NEED BANDAGES ON YOUR FACE!
BAM!
AND LATER, IN A PRISON HOSPITAL---
WANT TO READ THE PAPER ABOUT YOUR CAPTURE BY MARY MARVEL, NIGHTOWL?
GROAN!
MARY MARVEL NABS NIGHTOWL!

Billy Batson's Family Album

Hi FOLKS! BEFORE STARTING THE NEXT STORY, I THOUGHT I'D GIVE YOU A LOOK AT MY *FAMILY ALBUM!* NOT ALL THE FOLKS IN IT ARE REALLY RELATIVES OF MINE, THOUGH! I LIKE TO THINK OF THEM AS PART OF MY *FAMILY!*

Here I am Billy Batson. I was orphaned as a baby and was all alone in the world until I old SHAZAM gave me the power to become Captain Marvel and I got a job at Station WHIZ!

Then I learned I had a sister, Mary Batson! She was raised by wealthy Mrs Bromfield. Mary has the power to turn into Mary Marvel

Mary and I have only one living relative our Uncle Ebenezer Batson. But we'd just as soon forget him. He's a crank!

I was named for my ancestor, William Batson who captured a terrible witch. She put a curse on his descendants

There are three other Billy Batsons who are friends of mine. Fat Billy from Dallas, Tall Billy from Texas and NOT Billy from the south. They have the SHAZAM powers too and can turn into the 3 Lieutenant Marvels

Wild Bill Batson, owner of the YAP 3-Q Ranch thought I was his long lost grandson and Captain Marvel helped him find his true heir

Willard Batson from Arkansas figured we must be cousins. We really aren't but I hadn't the heart to tell him.

Freddy Freeman isn't a Batson at all but he's a member of the Marvel family as Captain Marvel Jr.

Uncle Dudley pretends to be our Uncle and to turn into Uncle Marvel We aren't related, but we all love him anyway.

Finally, there's Tawky Tawny Buddy Mary's self appointed cousin. She likes to dress up and call herself Feminine Marvel

THIS IS THE TALE OF OUR FIRST BRUSH WITH ONE OF
MISCREANT--AUNT MINERVA!
SHAZAM!
UNCLE MARVEL'S WEDDING!
GULP!
AND FACE THE MUSIC! YOU CAN'T GET AWAY
CRASH
RIP

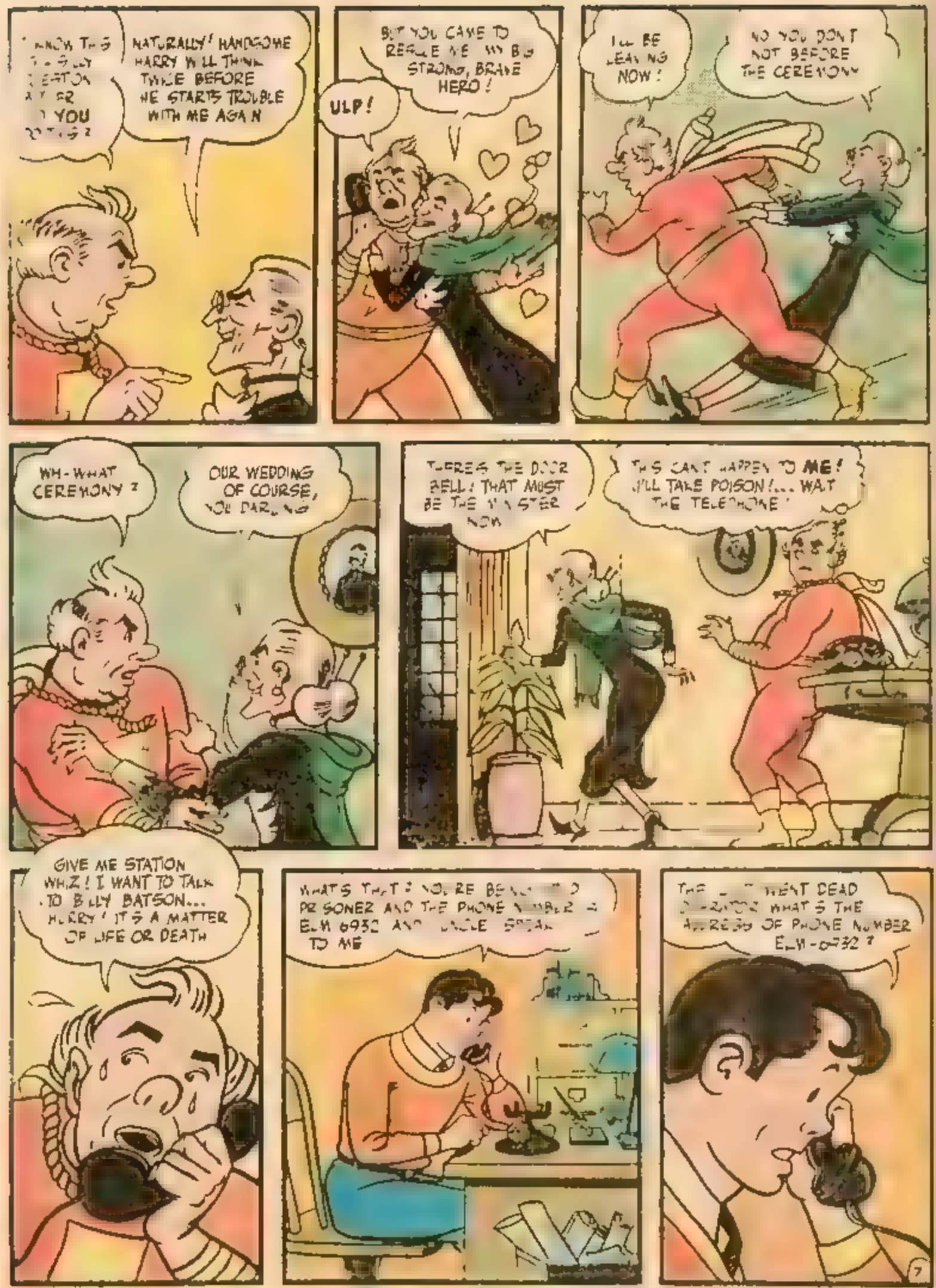
EMPTY! WHAT
HE KNOW THEY CAME
THIS DOESN'T MAKE SENSE
COULD
FOR THE ANSWER WE WILL LOOK AT A STRANGE SCENE THAT EVEN NOW IS TAKING PLACE NOT FAR AWAY...
TO PAY
I'VE BEEN WAITING OVER AN HOUR
GETTING MEAN
NEXT!
GULP!
SEE WHAT I MEAN? LOOK WHAT SHE DID TO HANDSOME HARRY AND HE JUST ROBBED THE WHEAT EXCHANGE BANK!
GO AWAY! SOME OTHER TIME!
SHE CAN'T TREAT HANDSOME HARRY LIKE THIS! I'LL GET EVEN--

I CAN'T STAND THESE SILLY SUPERMAN FANS! WHAT WEAKLINGS! NAH! ALL WEAKLINGS! NOT A REAL MAN AMONG THE LOT!
SLAM!
SHAZAM! IT'S A BOY! MY FINE HUSBANDS DIED SO YOUNG! WHAT GOOD IS MY MONEY AND POWER IF THERE'S NO ONE TO SHARE IT WITH ME?
WHAT'S THIS? MUST HAVE ARRIVED IN THE MORNING'S MAIL.
NEED HELP?
WHY NOT CALL ON SHAZAM INC.? WE TAKE ON ANY KIND OF A JOB AND GUARANTEE SATISFACTION
UNCLE MARVEL
PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER
CAPT MARVEL, MARY MARVEL, CAPT MARVEL, JR.
VICE-PRESIDENTS
HAH, THIS IS JUST WHAT I NEED! ... HERE SHAZAM INC. TO FIND ME A HUSBAND SOMEONE WORTHY OF ME!
NEED HELP
THAT EVEN SO... WHY WORRY SO MUCH ABOUT THE ESCAPED WHEAT EXCHANGE BANK ROBBER! I'LL LET BILLY DROP IN TO SEE UNCLE MARVEL! HE'S ALWAYS GOOD FOR A LAUGH... SHAZAM!
SHAZAM INC
WHEN CAPT MARVEL SPEAKS THE MAGIC NAME OF THE OLD SORCERER THERE IS A BLAST OF LIGHTNING...
BOOM!
...AND HE BECOMES BILLY BATSON THE FAMOUS BOY RADIO REPORTER-
HELLO, UNCLE DUDLEY! YOU'RE WORKING LATE! BUSINESS MUST BE GOOD!
OF COURSE, MY BOY, BUSINESS IS BOOMING!
SHAZAM INC.
LOOK WHAT SHAZAM INC. HAS TO OFFER! HOW CAN BUSINESS FAIL TO BE GOOD!
You need the services of SHAZAM INC.!
HE SAID SHAZAM AND BUT HE DON'T CHANGE HE DOESN'T REALIZE THAT PROVES HE'S ONLY A LIKEABLE OLD FRAUD-- AND NOT A REAL-MARVEL AT ALL!

OF COURSE I STILL PUT THE FEES I COLLECT INTO CHAR
I WANT TO SEE THE BOSS!!
...H... GULP... THE BOSS! WHILE CAPTAIN MARVEL ISN'T AROUND
CAN YOU GET ME A HUSBAND?
SHAZAM INC GUARANTEES TO DO ANYTHING!
BUT NOT THE IMPOSSIBLE! WHAT DOPE WOULD BE SILLY ENOUGH TO MARRY HER?
BUT AT THIS MOMENT...
I DON'T
DON'T BE SURE THAT CAPTAIN MARVEL IS GOING TO GET RID OF MINERVA. WE WON'T HAVE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO HER ANY MORE!
WHAT DO WE CARE? NO MATTER WHO LOSES WE WILL BE THE WINNER
I'M NOT SO SURE EVEN CAPTAIN MARVEL CAN HANDLE MINERVA!
YIPE! IT'S HER!
IT'S TOO LATE! YOU'VE BLABBED TOO MUCH SHOOT 'EM!
BANG!
GULP!... SHAZAM
SHAZAM!
ONLY ONE BLAST OF LIGHTNING ANSWERS THE MAGIC WORD!
I HOPE BILLY DOESN'T NOTICE ME ZIPPING OFF MY OUTER CLOTHING!
BOOM

EXCUSE ME
BAM!
BAM!
IF YOU WANT TROUBLE YOU CAME TO THE RIGHT ADDRESS
CHARGE! BEAT THEM TO A PULP!
TAKE THAT, AND THAT, AND THAT!
DON'T KNOCK YOURSELF OUT FATTY!
I'M GONNA BLAST... EEEEOWWWW!
TSK-TSK! THERE GO YOUR SUSPENDERS!
SNAP!
HAVE MERCY! P-P-PLEASE!
POW
THIS WILL TEACH YOU TO TRIFLE WITH UNCLE MARVEL!
THAT'S THE LAST!
OOOF! A NICE WALLOP! I COULDN'T HAVE DONE BETTER MYSELF!

YOU WERE SO BRAVE! I'LL BET YOU'RE THE STRONG, SILENT TYPE THAT A WOMAN CAN DEPEND ON!
NOTHING TO DO BUT TAKE THESE CROOKS TO JAIL!
IF THEY'RE ARRESTED THEY'LL CONFESS AND IMPLICATE ME! I'LL PUNISH HANDSOME HARRY MYSELF! BUT FIRST I'LL HELP HIM TO ESCAPE---
I'LL TAKE YOU, TOO!
CLICK!
POW!
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE LIGHTS? OOOWOO!
UNCLE MARVEL'S GONE! HE'S BEEN KIDNAPPED! THOSE CROOKS TOOK THAT HATCHED-FACED HUSBAND-HUNTER WITH THEM, TOO!
LATER IN MINERVA'S HEADQUARTERS...
OHHH! THE LAST I REMEMBER WAS BEING HIT OVER THE HEAD! WHAT AM I DOING HERE?
SOMEONE'S BEING KILLED! THOSE FOUL THUGS ARE PROBABLY BEATING UP MY CLIENT! IT'S MY (GULP) DUTY TO DEFEND HER!
POW
BIFF
EEEOWW
WHAM
TAKE HEART! I'LL..UH.. WHAT'S THIS?


NATURALLY! HANDSOME HARRY WILL THINK TWICE BEFORE HE STARTS TROUBLE WITH ME AGAIN
BUT YOU CAME TO RESCUE ME MY BIG STRONG, BRAVE HERO!
ULP!
I'll BE LEANING NOW!
NO YOU DON'T NOT BEFORE THE CEREMONY
WH-WHAT CEREMONY?
OUR WEDDING OF COURSE, MY DARLING
THERE'S THE DOOR BELL! THAT MUST BE THE MASTER NOW
THIS CAN'T HAPPEN TO ME! I'LL TAKE POISON!... WAIT THE TELEPHONE!
GIVE ME STATION WHIZ! I WANT TO TALK TO BILLY BATSON... HURRY! IT'S A MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH
WHAT'S THAT? YOU'RE BEING HELD PRISONER AND THE PHONE NUMBER IS ELM 6932 AND UNCLE SPEAK TO ME
THE LINE WENT DEAD QUICK! WHAT IS THE ADDRESS OF PHONE NUMBER ELM-6932?
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41 ELM STREET, EH? I BETTER HURRY! SHAZAM!
BOOM!
UNCLE MARVEL MUST BE IN DEADLY PERIL! I HOPE I'M IN TIME TO SAVE HIM!
BUT MEANWHILE
I PROMISE NOT TO BE ANGRY WITH YOU! I LIKE A MAN WITH SPUNK
SPARE ME
NO INTERRUPTION PLEASE FROM ANYONE OR YOU'LL ANSWER TO ME
DON'T WORRY NOBODY CAN GET AT ME
NOBODY?
AWRRRK! IT'S CAPT. MARVEL
AT THIS MOMENT THE WORLD'S GREATEST MORTAL ARRIVES ON THE SCENE
I'M GLAD YOU CALLED ME! OF COURSE, I KNOW YOU COULD HAVE HANDLED THIS BY YOURSELF, BUT...
LOOK OUT!
SPLASH!
HUH?

NOW I UNDERSTAND!
POW!
YOU CAN'T FRIGHTEN ME!
I HEARD RUMORS OF A WOMAN RULER OF CRIME IN THIS CITY BUT I NEVER BELIEVED IT UNTIL NOW!
GULP! YOU CAN'T HIT ME! I'M A LADY
YOU'RE NO LADY, MINERVA! YOU NEED A LOT OF LESSONS BEFORE YOU'LL BE ONE!
NOW WHAT HAVE I TO SAY?
OHH! YOU WONDERFUL MAN
YOU'RE SO STRONG AND MASTERFUL I'M JUST LIKE PUTTY IN YOUR HANDS!
HOLY MOLEY! CALL THE POLICE UNCLE MARVEL HURRY!
I KNOW JUST HOW YOU FEEL
THIS WAS ONE SPOT ON EVEN MY MIGHTY POWERS COULDN'T HANDLE ALONE! THAT'S WHY I CALLED YOU
GOODBYE, CAPT MARVEL! ... BE SEEING YOU!
UNCLE MARVEL GAVE THE REWARD FOR CAPTURING MINERVA AND HANDSOME HARRY TO CHARITY JUST AS HE PROMISED! SO LONG FOLKS!
THE END
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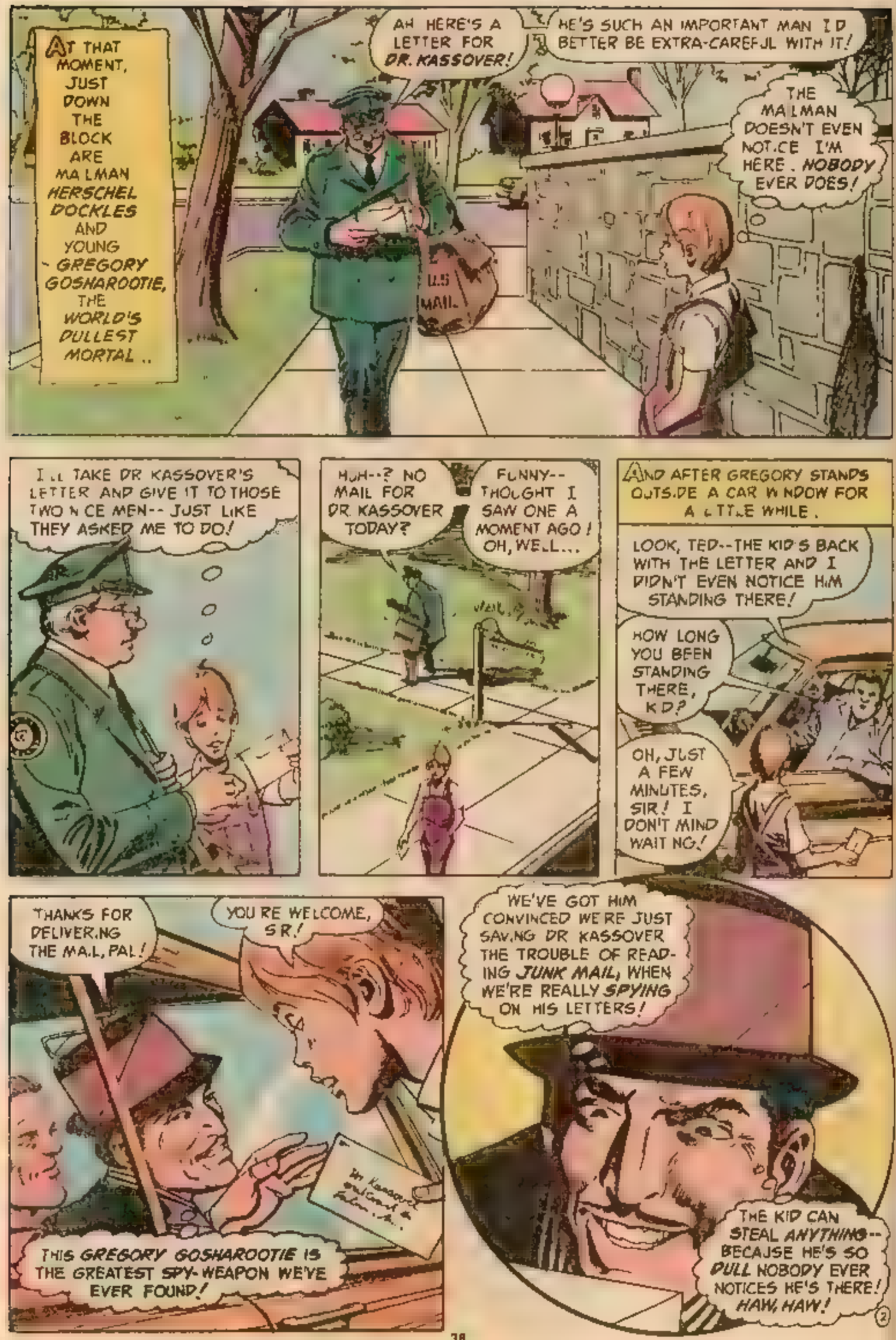
EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT THE NEWEST... THE LATEST ADVENTURE OF THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST BOY...
CAPTAIN MARVEL JR.
ALL RIGHT, YOU CROOKS-- WHAT'D YOU DO WITH R. DOCKLES' MAILBAG?
W-WE DON'T KNOW WHERE IT IS, CAPTAIN MARVEL JR.--
Dear Diary,
THE LONGEST BLOCK IN THE WORLD
story: ELLIOT S! MAGGIN
art: DICK GIORDANO
editing: JULIUS SCHWARTZ
EARLY ONE MORNING, BEFORE CRIPPLED NEWSBOY FREDDY FREEMAN GOES TO WORK AT HIS NEWSSTAND...
HOLY MOLEY! MR. DOCKLES, THE MAILMAN, MISTAKENLY LEFT A LETTER FOR DR. KASSOVER, WHO LIVES DOWN THE STREET, IN MY
DR. KASSOVER'S A VERY IMPORTANT MAN--THE LETTER COULD BE URGENT!
ETTER DELIVER IT
BEFORE I GO TO WORK THIS MORNING! IT'S ONLY A BLOCK OUT OF MY WAY!


AT THAT MOMENT, JUST DOWN THE BLOCK ARE MAILMAN HERSCHEL DOCKLES AND YOUNG GREGORY GOSHAROOTIE, THE WORLD'S DULLEST MORTAL ..
AH HERE'S A LETTER FOR DR. KASSOVER!
HE'S SUCH AN IMPORTANT MAN I'D BETTER BE EXTRA-CAREFUL WITH IT!
THE MAILMAN DOESN'T EVEN NOTICE I'M HERE. NOBODY EVER DOES!
U.S. MAIL
I'LL TAKE DR KASSOVER'S LETTER AND GIVE IT TO THOSE TWO NICE MEN-- JUST LIKE THEY ASKED ME TO DO!
HUH--? NO MAIL FOR DR KASSOVER TODAY?
FUNNY-- THOUGHT I SAW ONE A MOMENT AGO! OH, WELL...
AND AFTER GREGORY STANDS OUTSIDE A CAR WINDOW FOR A LITTLE WHILE.
LOOK, TED--THE KID'S BACK WITH THE LETTER AND I DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE HIM STANDING THERE!
HOW LONG YOU BEEN STANDING THERE, KD?
OH, JUST A FEW MINUTES, SIR! I DON'T MIND WAITING!
THANKS FOR DELIVERING THE MAIL, PAL!
YOU'RE WELCOME, SIR!
THIS GREGORY GOSHAROOTIE IS THE GREATEST SPY-WEAPON WE'VE EVER FOUND!
WE'VE GOT HIM CONVINCED WE'RE JUST SAVING DR KASSOVER THE TROUBLE OF READING JUNK MAIL, WHEN WE'RE REALLY SPYING ON HIS LETTERS!
THE KID CAN STEAL ANYTHING-- BECAUSE HE'S SO DULL NOBODY EVER NOTICES HE'S THERE! HAW, HAW!
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AND AS FREDDY FREEMAN APPROACHES THE SCENE WITH KASSOVER'S MIS-DELIVERED LETTER...
HEY, WAITAMINNIT! OUR SOURCES SAID THAT KASSOVER WAS SUPPOSED TO GET A LETTER--ER, JUST JUNK MAIL--TODAY FROM A SPY--UH, SPICE COMPANY--IN EUROPE! WHERE IS IT?
I DON'T KNOW SIR! THE MAILMAN DIDN'T HAVE IT!
LOOK! THAT CRIPPLED BOY IS CARRYING A LETTER TOWARD THE DOC'S HOUSE!
MAYBE HE'S BRINGING IT SPECIAL DELIVERY! GO GET IT, KID!
WE CAN'T HAVE AN IMPORTANT MAN LIKE DR. KASSOVER BEING BOTHERED WITH JUNK MAIL!
THIS FELLOW WON'T NOTICE ME IF I TAKE THE LETTER AWAY FROM HIM!
HOLY MOLEY! WHERE'D THAT LETTER GO?! I DIDN'T NOTICE ANYONE TAKING IT!
I'LL HAVE TO INVESTIGATE THIS--
CAPTAIN MARVEL!
AN ORDINARY BOY WOULD HAVE LET THE INCIDENT PASS... BUT FREDDY FREEMAN CAN UTTER THE NAME OF HIS HERO AND CAUSE A FLASH OF THUNDER AND LIGHTNING TO BRING..
BLOOM
THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST BOY!
HAVING SHAZAM POWERS MAKES EVERYTHING CLEARER! NOW I NOTICE THAT KID WHO SWIPED THE LETTER!
ALL I NEED TO DO IS DIVE DOWN AND...
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CAPTAIN MARVEL JR!
GOTCHA!
BOTTOM
GAHH! IT'S THAT BLASTED WHIZ KID! WE DON'T WANNA MESS WITH HIM!
WHO ARE YOU? WHY DID YOU TAKE FREDDY FREEMAN'S LETTER?
I'M GREGORY THE WORLD'S DULLEST KID
--AND I JUST WANT TO KEEP NICE DR KASSOVER FROM BEING BOTHERED WITH JUNK MAIL!
I GIVE ALL HIS MAIL TO THOSE MEN OVER THERE!
THOSE MEN DRIVING OFF? I'LL STOP THEM!
YOU STAY HERE TILL I GET BACK, GREGORY!
OKAY! I'VE GOT NOWHERE ELSE TO GO ANYWAY!
PHIL! CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. IS COMING AFTER US!
WHAT'LL I DO?!
OPEN FIRE!!
YOU MIGHT TRY TO DROWN ME IN BULLETS, YOU CROOKS
BUT A HOT SHOWER ONLY PEPS ME UP!

LEARN THAT YOU
SHOOT HIM! I'M
US UP.
...BUT IF YOU REALLY WANT ME TO PUT YOU DOWN...
FOOT ON THE GAS...
WE'RE CRASHING INTO
WHEN THE
CLEAKS...

AND WHEN GREGORY AND CAPTAIN MARVEL JR FINALLY REACH DR. KASSOVER'S HOUSE AT THE END OF THE BLOCK
ACH! CAPTAIN MARVEL JR COME IN, MEIN BOY!
I BROUGHT YOUR MAIL, DR. KASSOVER — IT WAS MIS-DIRECTED!
OHH, THIS IS MY FRIEND GREGORY GOSHAROOTIE!
THERE IS SOMEBODY MIT YOU?-- OHH, YES-- I DIDN'T NOTICE!
TWO SPIES WERE MIGHTY ANXIOUS TO GET THIS LETTER I FOUND IN MY MAILBOX! IT MUST BE VERY IMPORTANT, SIR!
AHH! IT'S FROM MY FRIEND HELGA IN HEIDELBERG!
SHE SAYS I SHOULD REMEMBER TO SEND BACK HER HAT!
SHE LEFT IT HERE WHEN SHE LAST VISITED AND FELL ASLEEP IN FRONT OF MY TELEVISION!
HA! HA! THOSE SPIES WENT TO A LOT OF TROUBLE FOR NOTHIN'!
THAT LETTER IS EVEN DULLER THAN I AM! HA, HA!
JUNIOR, MEIN BOY-- DID YOU HEAR A SOUND JUST DEN?
ALMOST LIKE SOMEBOY LAUGHING!
I said delivering that letter would take me only a block out of my way... but with all the things that happened, it seemed like the longest block in the world! Still, it got me a new friend. But I wonder if I can do something to perk up Gregory's personality? Freddy Freeman
THE END.
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Dear Mr Schwartz & Co.

When I was 8 or 9, I really thrilled to comics. Literally for a young child, there is a special kind of feeling, a thrill that chills your spine and pops your eyes, in the comics. My heart soared at the exciting and colorful adventures of *The Flash*, and I remember on occasion being actually terrified by a *Batman* story.

Now I'm 17, and the thrills don't come too easy. When I was nine, I placed *The Flash* just somewhere below God. Now I realize that *The Flash* really isn't a hero, however, Gardner Fox, John Broome, and Carmine Infantino (writers and artist for *The Flash* in those days), were the real greats. This is the way a 17-year-old reads comics. To study the styles of the men behind them. To retain imagination, to fertilize the mind, to be entertained by an up-and-coming art form. Now I've got thesis after thesis going on *Green Lantern/Green Arrow, Swamp Thing* and *New Gods* . . . but I remember the time when the very crude thrill surged through me, the time when that feeling was as integral a part of comic books as staples.

I owe you my undying thanks for returning that feeling to me with *Shazam* #9. Don't ask me why, but all three stories, especially the *Captain Marvel Jr.* one, left me with that feeling that I'd all but forgotten. The flashy costumes, totally ridiculous situations, the thrills, the smiles, all were there. Plus a new sensation . . . the genuine *warmth* that exudes from the *Marvels'* adventures.

Did I say I'm 17? Wrong! Look closer. As of today, I'm nine years old again. I'm juvenile, I'm hyper-active, and I'm *happy*. It's only for a day. But that day will come frequently now.

The reason I regard *Captain Marvel* and company as real heroes, when I've not done so for quite some time with anybody else, is probably because I get the distinct feeling that comic greats like Denny O'Neil and Dave Cockrum think so, too. And C.C. Beck? I tend to think that he *is Captain Marvel*.

I'm nine, I believe in Santa Claus, and I read *Shazam!*

Tomorrow I'll be 17 again and I'll probably laugh at this letter, I guess I've finally found a release for my built-up childishness.

Thanks!

Bob Rodi, Oak Brook, Ill.

(Thanks for a fine testimony for our magazine. You and other Beck fans will no doubt be glad to hear that he's working on a full-length novel for a future issue—one both written and illustrated by him! —E N B.)

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Dear Editor

"Worms of the World, Unite" (*Shazam* #9) was probably the wildest *Shazam* story in the magazine's short rebirth. *Mr. Mind* has got to be *Cap's* best foe. *Sivana* is okay, but *Mr. Mind* is crazy, ridiculous, silly and just about the funniest villain in the fictional world. Don't you ever have the *Captain* get mad enough to stomp the little fellow! As a matter of fact, I'd hate to have to choose between the two!

The other *Captain Marvel* tale wasn't as good as the first, but it did have a delightful ending. I knew *Cap* would use his brain rather than brawn to catch Bonzo. Also, *Cap's* slip of the lip as he jumped through that wall proved even the *World's Mightiest Mortal* can make mistakes.

The *Captain Marvel Jr.* story was a great addition to an already great comic. The story, though too short, was enjoyable. But the big surprise was the superb artwork of Dave Cockrum. It was the best illustrated five-pager I ever had the pleasure of reading!

Oh, yes—I am in favor of *longer* tales! You should use two stories in each issue when you are going to present the *Marvel Family*. But I'm sure the right decision will be made.

Thank you!

Joe Peluso, Brooklyn, N.Y.

(A lot of thanks we get! And we mean it! That's two letters in a row that have ended the same thankful way! Incidentally, with our new 100-page format, we can bring you more stories and longer ones!—E N B.)

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Dear Editor

In issue #9 the best of the three stories was undoubtedly the second, "The Mystery of the Missing Newsstand." It was not better by virtue of the plot, the art (although that was better, too) or even the main character. What was so much better? Why, the way it was executed, its general mood. Sure, *Captain Marvel's* semi-humorous style is different, well-liked and a lot of other things, but this issue of *Shazam* especially was just too light. It almost crossed the line between semi-humorous and out-and-out funny. The *Captain Marvel Jr.* story was completely different from the others. It didn't have that *mood* problem, and it came off very well. I would like to see more of Cockrum and Maggin and *Captain Marvel Jr.*

Mark Davis, Milwaukee, Wis.

(Well, we made it 2/3 of the way in answering your request. Dave was busy with another job, so we turned this issue's Junior *tale over to Dick Giordano. How do you like his stuff?—E N B.)*

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Dear Editors, writers and artists,

Shazam #9 is the best so far. "Worms of the World Unite" brought back *Mr. Mind*, the worm I love to hate, in a fantastic tale. "The Day Captain Marvel Went Ape" was very humorous—and great. But the best was "Mystery of the Missing Newsstand!" Elliot Maggin wrote a spectacular tale which one of my favorite artists drew. The art wasn't cartoonish, which makes it tops.

Thank you, Denny, Elliot, Dave, C.C., Julie, E. Nelson and you other great people I haven't mentioned, for this fine issue of *Shazam!*

I vote that *Captain Marvel* is better than *Superman*.

Richard Jarett, Rochester, Minn.

(And thank you for the vote. We want the other readers to tell us their *choices in this battle for top selling comics hero of the '70's.—E N B.)*

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The SHAZAM

RECOGNIZE THE SIX FELLOWS AROUND ME? *RIGHT!* THEY'RE THE SIX GODS AND HEROES WHO GIVE ME MY POWERS WHEN *BILLY* SAYS *SHA*.... ER... THE OLD WIZARD'S NAME! BUT THAT'S NOT *ALL* THEY DO! THEY'VE BEEN IN A GOOD MANY ADVENTURES WITH ME AND THE OTHER *MARVELS*, FOR INSTANCE...

THE TIME (IN *MARY MARVEL* #25) WHEN *MERCURY* HAD HIS WINGED SANDALS REPAIRED ON EARTH! THEY WERE MISTAKENLY SOLD TO A CROOK, AND *MARY* HAD TO HELP GET THEM BACK!

A MYSTERIOUS CLOAKED VISITOR ENTERS A LITTLE SHOE REPAIR SHOP...

MY SHOES NEED RESOLING! WHEN CAN YOU HAVE THEM READY?

HMM! WITHIN A HALF HOUR! VERY UNUSUAL SHOES!

ONCE *ZEUS* HAD A SORE SHOULDER, WHICH SPOILED HIS AIM WITH THE THUNDERBOLTS! HE TURNED THE *WRONG PEOPLE* INTO ME! (*CAPTAIN MARVEL ADVENTURES* #73.)

AND ANOTHER TIME, *VULCAN* GOOFED, SO THAT *BILLY* HAD THE POWERS INSTEAD OF ME. (*CMA* #50.)

HIGH ABOVE EARTH, IN THE REALM OF THE GODS, ZEUS PREPARES TO HURL DOWN THE MAGIC LIGHTNING!

THERE'S THE CALL FROM BILLY BATSON! HE'S WAITING FOR THE MAGIC LIGHTNING! *OUCH!* MY SHOULDER'S SURE STIFF TODAY!

SHAZAM!

I'VE BEEN TRYING TO TELL YOU ALL ALONG THAT THE LIGHTNING-BOLTS YOU SENT DOWN BEFORE WERE **DEFECTIVE!** THEY CHANGED BILLY TO CAPT MARVEL ALL RIGHT BUT THEY *DIDN'T GIVE MARVEL HIS POWERS!* I MADE A MISTAKE AND PUT THE POWERS IN THE BOLTS THAT CHANGED HIM BACK TO BILLY! HERE, USE THIS NEW BOLT I JUST MADE!

LITTLE DOES BILLY KNOW THAT UP ABOVE ZEUS AT LAST FINDS OUT HE HAS MADE A GRAVE MISTAKE BEFORE!

GODS and HEROES

THERE WAS THE DAY THE SIX GODS GAVE THE POWERS TO UNCLE MARVEL! (MARY MARVEL #28)
ONE TIME SIVANA WENT TO THE ROCK OF ETERNITY AND FORCED THEM TO REMOVE MY POWERS (CMA #44)
AGREED! WE SIX SHAZAM GODS WILL BESTOW OUR POWERS ON UNCLE MARVEL FOR 24 HOURS HE WILL POSSESS POWERS EQUAL TO THOSE MARY MARVEL HAS
POWERS--- SOLOMON.
MY SOLOMON! STRIKE YOUR NAME FROM THE LIST! TO WHAT HE OF THIS OLD GREAT GODS!
BUT BUT THAT WOULD TAKE AWAY MY WISDOM FROM CAPTAIN MARVEL!
ON ONE OCCASION, SIVANA FOUND A WAY TO STOP BILLY FROM CALLING ME! SO BILLY GOT THE GODS AND HEROES TO DO THE JOB THEMSELVES! (CMA #150.)
I AM HERE, MY SON! WHAT IS YOUR WISH?
SINCE I CANNOT CALL ON CAPTAIN MARVEL, PLEASE SEND THE ANCIENT GODS THEMSELVES TO HELP ME, SIRE!
A GOOD PLAN! GODS, APPEAR!
WE ARE YOURS TO COMMAND, BILLY!
TAKE ME TO ZUBULA! THE MARVEL MACHINE MUST BE DESTROYED!
I'VE HAD TO HELP THEM NOW AND THEN LIKE THEIR OLYMPIC GAMES WITH THE NETHER GODS! (WHIZ COMICS #125)
COME ON, TEAM! GO IN THERE AND WIN! WE MUST NOT LET EARTH FALL INTO THE HANDS OF THE NETHER GODS FOR THE NEXT THOUSAND YEARS! PLEASE, TEAM...
IT'S NO USE, SHAZAM! WE'RE LICKED! WHY CONTINUE THE HUMILIATION? WE JUST CAN'T SEEM TO WIN ANY EVENT!
THE END

THANGE ARE THE EXPLOITS OF THE MIGHTY MARVEL FAMILY - BUT SINCE I SHAZAM, GAVE THEM THEIR POWERS THEY HAVE HAD NO GREATER ADVENTURE THAN THIS WHICH TOOK THEM TO THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE TO BATTLE THE THREE MOST EVIL BEINGS ON EARTH THE SIVANA FAMILY! HEARKEN TO THIS EPIC WHICH I MYSELF HAVE CARVED ON THE ROCK OF ETERNITY
THE SIVANA FAMILY STRIKES
at the
MARVEL FAMILY
PART 1
MARVEL FAMILY!
SIVANA YOU OLD KAT WHAT WILL YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TRY NEXT?
POW!
HEH-HEH! A TASTE OF THIS COSMIC GAS WILL COOK YOU UP IN A HURRY JUNIOR!
FOLKS, YOU ALL KNOW THAT FOR YEARS THE THREE EVIL SIVANAS, DR. SIVANA, GEORGIA SIVANA, AND SIVANA JR, HAVE BEEN PLAGUING CAPTAIN MARVEL, MARY MARVEL AND CAPTAIN MARVEL JR SEPARATELY. BUT NOW THE WICKEDEST FAMILY IN THE WORLD HAS COMBINED ITS POWERS IN A CONCENTRATED ATTACK ON THE WHOLE MARVEL FAMILY AT ONCE! IT'S A TERRIBLE FIGHT TO THE FINISH--- WITH THE FATE OF CIVILIZATION IN THE BALANCE---AS THE MARVEL FAMILY BATTLES THE SIVANA FAMILY!

ONCE AGAIN OVER THE TELEVISION NETWORK OF THE NATION GOES THE FAMOUS MARVEL FAMILY ROUND-TABLE PROGRAM!
THE MARVEL ROUND TABLE WILL COME TO ORDER! TODAY WE WILL DISCUSS A VERY IMPORTANT PROBLEM! WHO ARE THE THREE MAN ENEMIES OF CIVILIZATION?
DR SIVANA THE WORLD'S WICKEDEST SCIENTIST
GEORGIA SIVANA, THE WORLD'S WICKEDEST GIRL!
AND SIVANA JUN OR THE WORLD'S WICKEDEST BOY.
CORRECT! DR. SIVANA AND HIS SON AND DAUGHTER! WHERE ARE THEY HIDING AT PRESENT? DO WE HAVE ANY CLUES?
NO! THEY HAVE KEPT UNDER COVER RECENTLY!
HEH, HEH, HEH, HEH!
SOMEWHERE, IN ONE OF HIS SECRET LABORATORIES, EVIL DR. SIVANA HIMSELF HAS TUNED IN THE SCENE!
HEH HEH! LITTLE DO THEY KNOW WE ARE TOGETHER! AND NOW THE SIVANA FAMILY ROUND TABLE WILL COME TO ORDER!
HEH, HEH HEH!
HEH, HEH!
HEH, HEH!
FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE MEMBERS OF THE SIVANA FAMILY HAVE JOINED FORCES IN THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST THE MIGHTY MARVELS!
IF THE MARVELS CAN HAVE A ROUND TABLE, WHY CAN'T WE? WE COULD NEVER LICK THEM SINGLY, BUT NOW IT'S GOING TO BE THE SIVANA FAMILY VERSUS THE MARVEL FAMILY!
RIGHT, PAPA!
YOU SAID IT, PAPA!
AND THEY'LL NEVER FIND US IN OUR NEW FLOATING LABORATORY! WE'RE TEN MILES ABOVE THE EARTH UPHELD BY ANTI-GRAVITY FORCES!
HEH HEH HEH!
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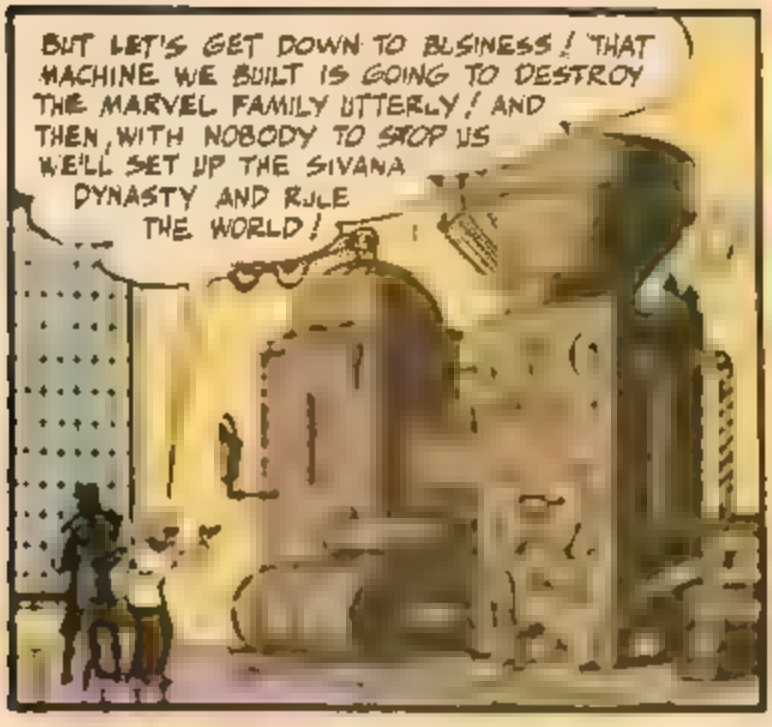
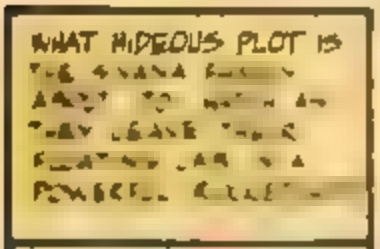

BUT LET'S GET DOWN TO BUSINESS! THAT MACHINE WE BUILT IS GOING TO DESTROY THE MARVEL FAMILY UTTERLY! AND THEN, WITH NOBODY TO STOP US WE'LL SET UP THE SIVANA DYNASTY AND RULE THE WORLD!

BUT THE MACHINE ISN'T QUITE DONE! BEFORE WE CAN GO ON, WE HAVE TO MEASURE THE VOLTAGE OF THE SHAZAM LIGHTNING!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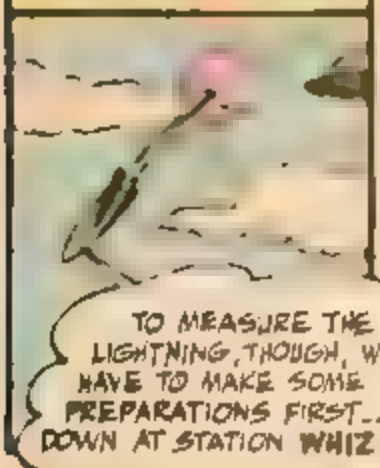
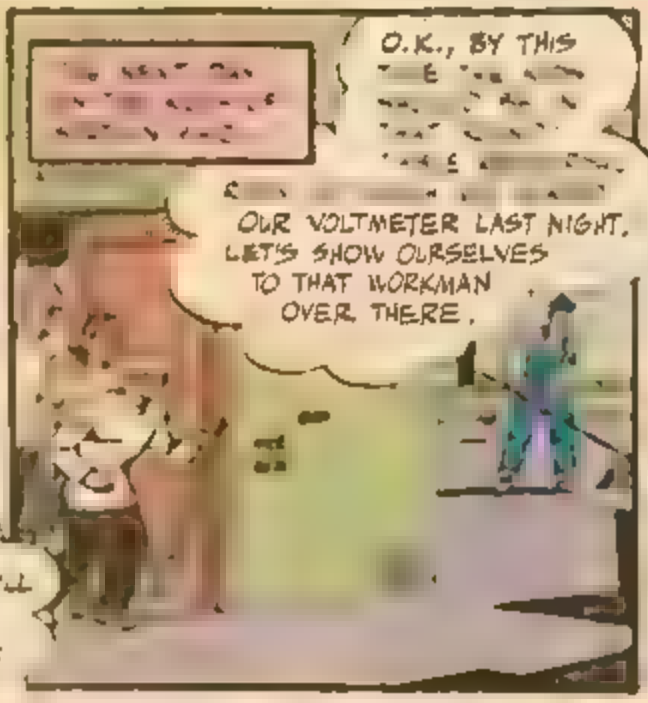
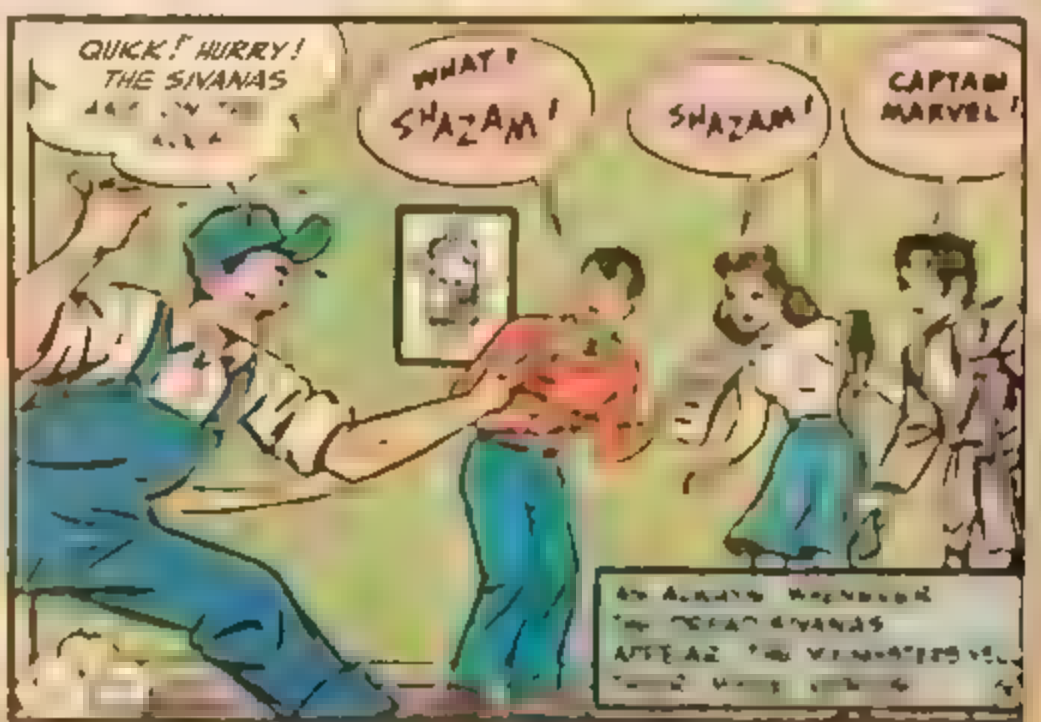

TO MEASURE THE LIGHTNING, THOUGH, WE'LL HAVE TO MAKE SOME PREPARATIONS FIRST... DOWN AT STATION WHIZ!


O.K., BY THIS
OUR VOLTMETER LAST NIGHT. LET'S SHOW OURSELVES TO THAT WORKMAN OVER THERE.

HI, PAL, HAVE
YIIIII! THE SIVANAS!

WOW! IT'S A GOOD THING THAT THE MARVEL FAMILY IS HAVING A REHEARSAL FOR THEIR PROGRAM TODAY. I'LL TELL THEM!


QUICK! HURRY! THE SIVANAS
WHAT! SHAZAM!
SHAZAM!
CAPTAIN MARVEL!

THREE FLASHES OF LIGHTNING ANSWER THE MAGIC WORDS, CHANGING THE YOUNGSTERS INTO THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST FAMILY CAPTAIN MARVEL, MARY MARVEL AND CAPTAIN MARVEL JR.
AND AS THE LIGHTNING THUNDERS DOWN, SIVANA'S VOLTMETER GOES INTO OPERATION!
Bam!!
YIKE! LIGHTNING'S SO POWERFUL IT BLEW UP THE METER!
COME ON; THIS IS OUR BIG CHANCE TO NAB THE WHOLE SIVANA FAMILY AT ONCE!
QUICK GET INTO THE SHIP! WE MUST FLEE! I'LL TURN ON THIS SPECIAL ROCKET TUBE TO HELP COVER OUR ESCAPE!
FWOOF!
HEH, HEH, THAT SMOKE WILL HOLD YOU FOR AWHILE!
UNDER COVER OF THE THICK FUMES THE ROCKET SHIP ZOOMS AWAY.
HEH, HEH! WITH THE SPEED THIS SHIP CAN MAKE, WE'LL BE OUT OF SIGHT BEFORE THEY GROPE THEIR WAY
ZOOM
GOLLY!
SAY!
DOGGONE!
HMMM, I WONDER WHAT THEY WERE UP TO?

LATER, BACK AT THE SIVANA FLOATING LABORATORY
WELL, WHAT WAS THE VOLTAGE OF THE SHAZAM LIGHTNING, PAPA ?
BAH! IT BROKE THE METER I HAD DESIGNED TO REGISTER UP TO 600,000,000,000,000,000 MEGA-VOLTS! THERE'S MORE POWER IN ONE BLAST OF SHAZAM LIGHTNING THAN IN ALL THE LIGHTNING STORMS ON EARTH PUT TOGETHER!
WHAT? OUR MACHINE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO STOP THAT!
NO GEORGIA! IT WOULD TAKE POWER EVEN GREATER THAN THE ATOMIC BOMB! IT LOOKS HOPELESS!
WAIT PAPA! IN THE OLD RECORD OF ANCIENT ATLANTIS, THEY WENT ON HAVING AN ELEMENT EVEN MORE POWERFUL THAN PLUTONIUM AND NEPTUNIUM, WHICH MAKE THE ATOMIC BOMB!
LET ME SEE THAT
THIS IS IT! EUREKA! IN ANCIENT ATLANTIS, THEY HAD AN ELEMENT CALLED PROTIUM! IT'S RADIOACTIVE! IN 10,000 YEARS IT CHANGES TO NEUTRIUM! AND IN 10,000 MORE YEARS, TO ELECTRIUM!
IN AN ATOMIC BOMB, THEY PUT PLUTONIUM AND NEPTUNIUM TOGETHER, TO GET POWER! ALL WE NEED, IN OUR MACHINE, IS TO PUT PROTIUM, NEUTRIUM, AND ELECTRIUM TOGETHER! IT WILL GIVE US TREMENDOUS POWER!
BUT WAIT, PAPA! PROTIUM ONLY EXISTED 10,000 YEARS AGO, IN THE PAST! AND ELECTRIUM WILL ONLY EXIST 10,000 YEARS FROM NOW IN THE FUTURE!
HMMM RIGHT! SO THAT MEANS WE HAVE TO GO INTO THE PAST AND FUTURE!
YOU, GEORGIA, WILL GO INTO THE PAST AND BRING BACK PROTIUM! YOU, MY SON, WILL GET ELECTRIUM FROM THE FUTURE! AND I'LL FIND NEUTRIUM, HERE IN THE PRESENT!
BUT HOW WILL WE GET INTO THE PAST AND FUTURE, PAPA?

IDIOTS! CAN'T YOU FIGURE A SIMPLE THING LIKE THAT OUT? ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS GO TO THE ROCK OF ETERNITY! HELP ME GET THE ROCKET SHIP READY!
WE HAVE TO ADD EXTRA POWER TUBES, AND FILL HER TO THE BRIM WITH ATOMIC FUEL!
AND THIS TIME THE ROCKET SPEEDS OUT INTO SPACE AWAY FROM THE EARTH
HEH, HEH! THROUGH MY LONG ASSOCIATION WITH THE MARVELS, I KNOW ALL THEIR SECRETS! NOT ONLY ABOUT THE MAGIC LIGHTNING, BUT ALSO THE ROCK OF ETERNITY! OLD SHAZAM LIVES THERE! IT'S OUT AT THE END OF TIME AND SPACE!
TO GET THERE, WE HAVE TO GO FASTER THAN LIGHT! ACCORDING TO EINSTEIN'S FORMULA, THIS THROWS YOU OUT OF THE UNIVERSE, INTO ETERNITY! RIGHT, PAPA?
RIGHT, SON! YOU'RE A CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK! GIVE IT THE GUN!
PASSING THE SPEED OF LIGHT THE ROCKET SHIP IS CAST INTO THE FOURTH DIMENSION!
ONLY AN INSTANT LATER, BY THE LAWS OF SPACE THEY ARRIVE AT THE ROCK OF ETERNITY!
HERE WE ARE! FROM THIS POINT, WE CAN EASILY REACH ANY PORTION OF THE PAST OR FUTURE!

BUT DWELLING IN HIS CASTLE, ON THE ROCK OF ETERNITY, THE ANCIENT EGYPTIAN WIZARD SHAZAM SEES THEIR ARRIVAL!
THE SIVANA FAMILY! WHAT ARE THEY UP TO? I MUST WARN THE MARVEL FAMILY OF THIS!
AT THAT MOMENT, BACK ON EARTH, BILLY, MARY AND FREDDY HAVE COME TO THE SECRET UNDERGROUND THRONE ROOM OF SHAZAM!
WE'VE SEARCHED AND SEARCHED SINCE THE SIVANA FAMILY ESCAPED, BUT FOUND NO TRACE OF THEM!
THEY'RE UP TO SOME TERRIBLE EVIL! WE NEED THE HELP OF OUR WISE OLD MASTER!
WHEN WE LIGHT THIS BRAZIER, IT SUMMONS HIS SPIRIT!
I AM HERE MY CHILDREN!
SIRE, WE ARE SEEKING THE SIVANA FAMILY AND....
YES, I KNOW! AND AT THIS VERY MOMENT, THEY ARE AT THE ROCK OF ETERNITY! HASTEN THERE, AND PUT AN END TO WHATEVER EVIL THEY ARE PLANNING!
HOLY MOLEY! OKAY, KIDS--- SHAZAM!
SHAZAM!
CAPTAIN MARVEL!
MAGIC LIGHTNING AGAIN BLASTS DOWN, BRINGING CAPTAIN MARVEL, MARY MARVEL, AND CAPTAIN MARVEL JUNIOR!
BOOM
AND NOT WASTING A MOMENT, THE MIGHTY MARVEL FAMILY FLASHES INTO SPACE!
PILE ON SPEED! WE HAVE TO EXCEED THE VELOCITY OF LIGHT, IN ORDER TO BE CAST INTO ETERNITY!

AND THE MARVELS, TOO, ARRIVE AT THE ROCK OF ETERNITY!
HURRY! FIND SIVANA'S SHIP!
MEANWHILE...
SEE, KIDS! SPACE-TIME IS REALLY A CLOSED CIRCLE! AND THE ROCK OF ETERNITY IS RIGHT AT THE CENTER! SO FROM HERE, IT IS ONLY A SHORT TRIP TO THE PAST, PRESENT OR THE FUTURE!
PRESENT
PAST
ROCK OF ETERNITY
FUTURE
OKAY, GET GOING, KIDS! THOSE EXTRA ROCKET SHIPS ARE SMALL, BUT JUST AS FAST AS THIS BIG ONE! YOU KNOW THE WAY TO THE PAST AND FUTURE NOW!
YES, PAPA!
BUT NOW THE MARVEL FAMILY ARRIVES!
THERE'S THEIR SHIP!
WHATEVER THEY'RE UP TO, WE'VE GOT TO STOP THEM!
THE MARVEL FAMILY! CURSES!
BUT THE BIG DOOR IS OPEN! HURRY, KIDS... AWAY!
YES, PAPA!
YES, PAPA!
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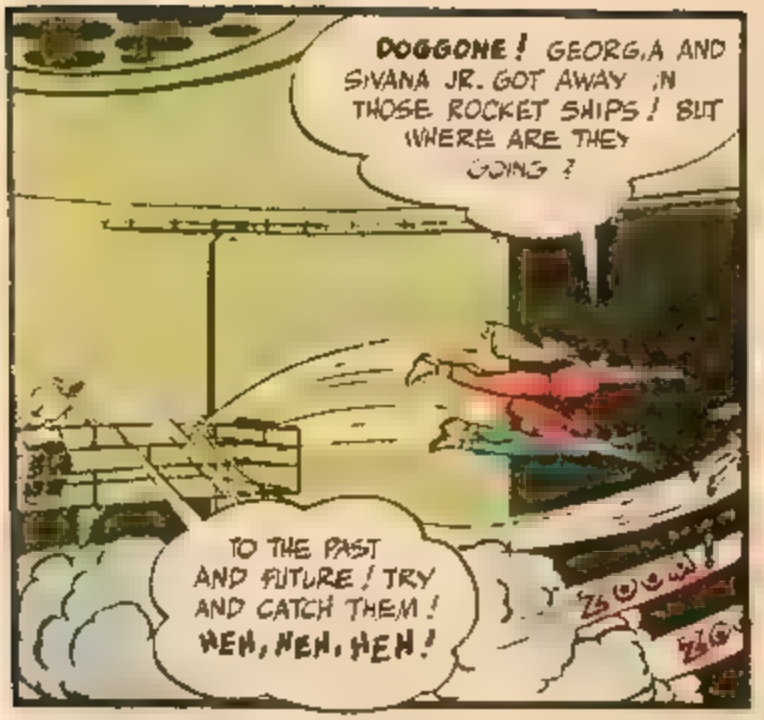
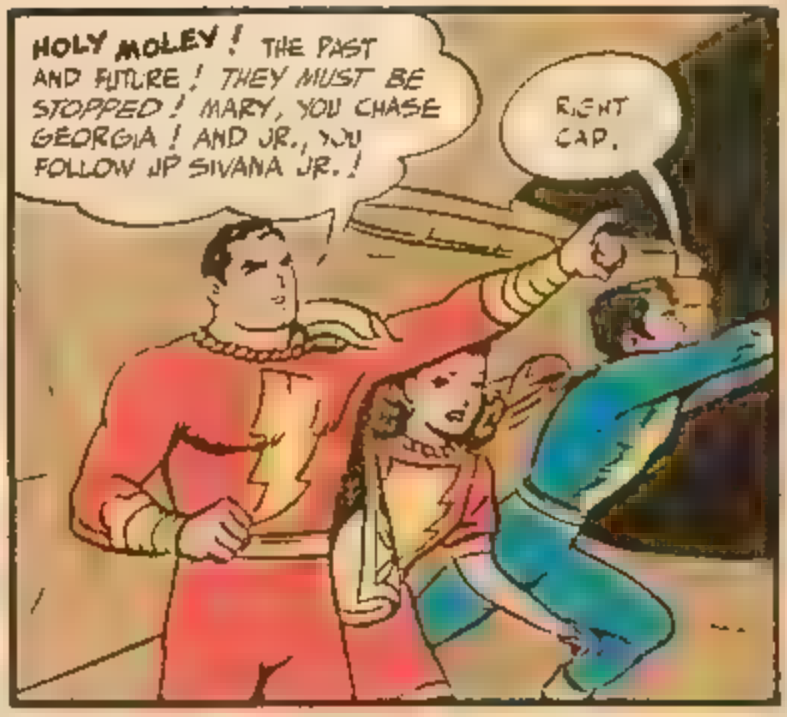

DOGGONE! GEORGIA AND SIVANA JR. GOT AWAY IN THOSE ROCKET SHIPS! BUT WHERE ARE THEY GOING?
TO THE PAST AND FUTURE! TRY AND CATCH THEM! HEH, HEH, HEH!
ZOOM!



I'VE GOT TO CATCH HIM! HE SEEMS TO BE HEADING BACK TO THE 20TH CENTURY!
I'LL ELUDE THAT BIG RED OX AND LOOK FOR NEUTRIUM IN PRESENT DAY ATLANTIS!

AND MARY MARVEL FLASHES AFTER THE ROCKET SHIP OF GEORGIA SIVANA!
I'M HEADING FOR THE DAYS OF ANCIENT ATLANTIS, FAR IN THE PAST, TO FIND PROTIUM! AND MARY MARVEL WON'T STOP ME! HEH, HEH!

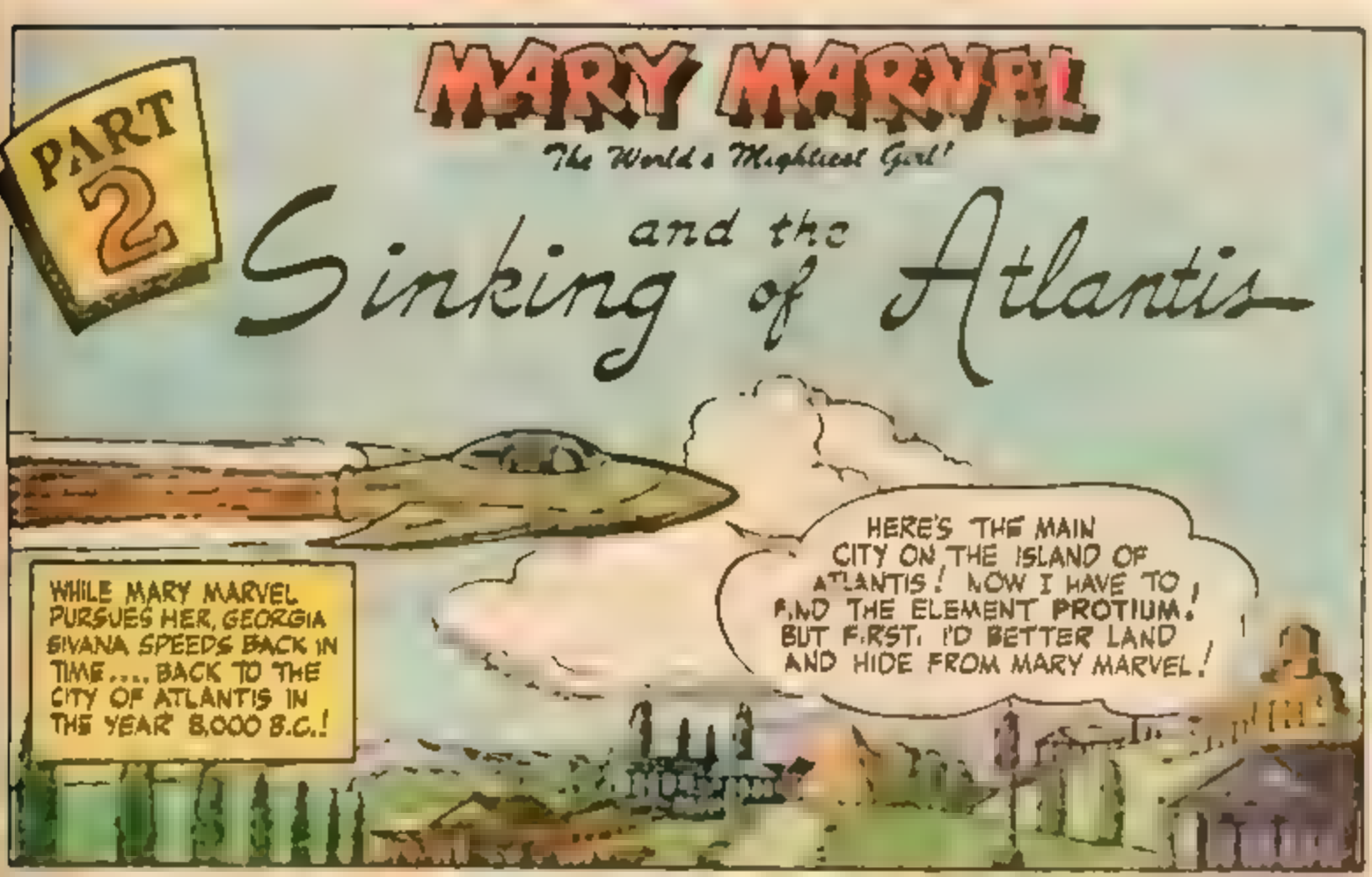
HOW WILL THIS GRIM STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE MIGHTY MARVELS AND THE EVIL SIVANAS COME OUT? WHO WILL WIN --- THE SIVANA FAMILY OR THE MARVEL FAMILY? THE SITUATION IS TENSE AS MARY MARVEL PURSUES GEORGIA SIVANA THROUGH SPACE AND TIME, BACK TO A LONG-DEAD AGE WHEN ATLANTIS WAS IN FLOWER: SEE THE NEXT STORY, FOR MARY MARVEL'S OWN ADVENTURE!

MARY MARVEL

The World's Mightiest Girl!

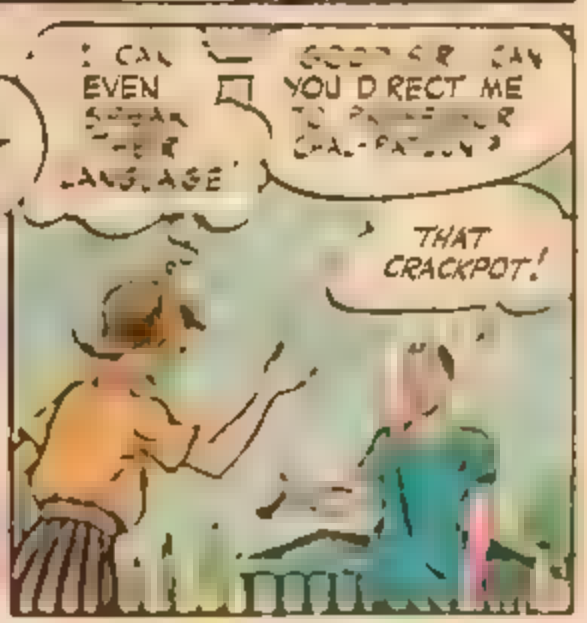
PART 2

and the Sinking of Atlantis

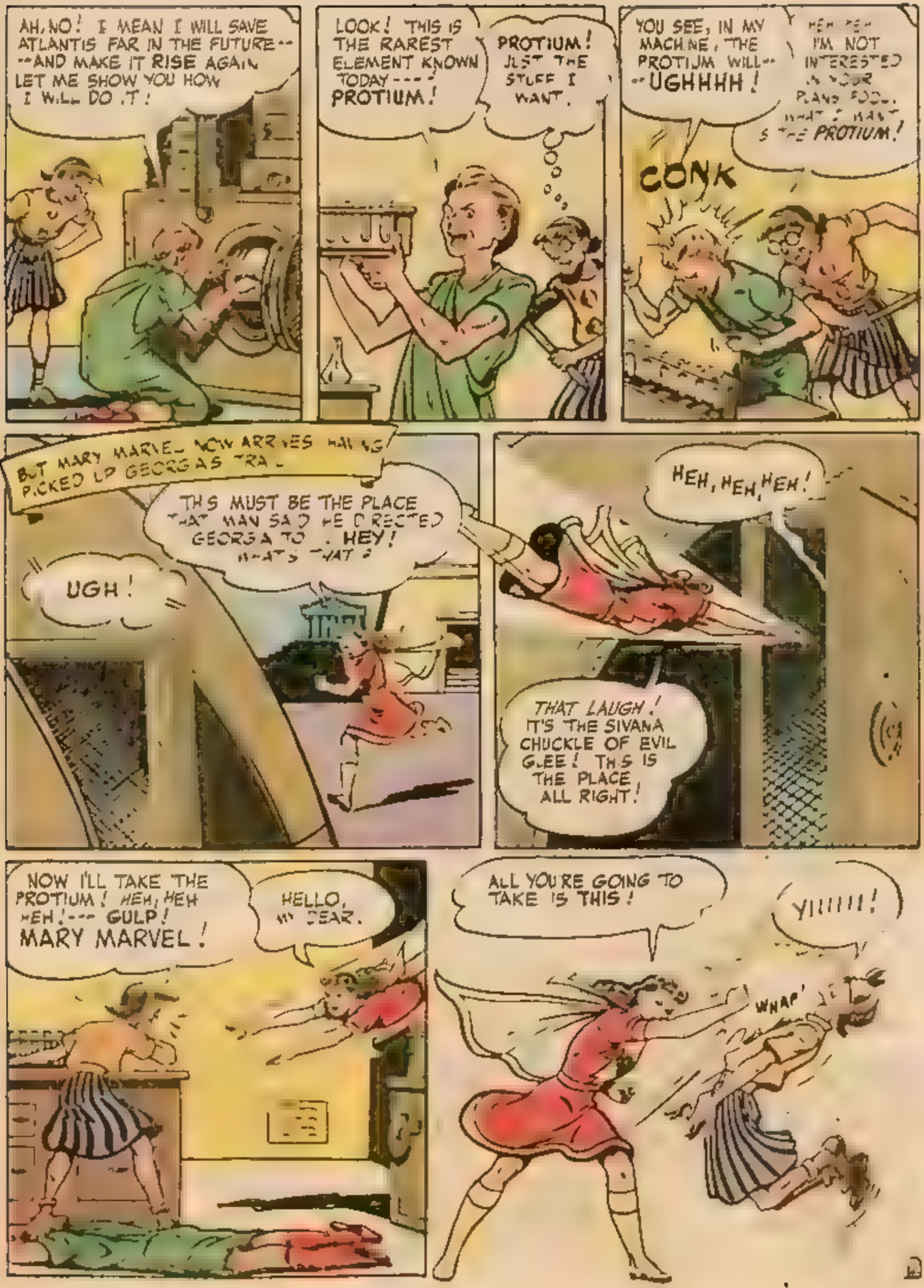

WHILE MARY MARVEL PURSUES HER, GEORGIA SIVANA SPEEDS BACK IN TIME.... BACK TO THE CITY OF ATLANTIS IN THE YEAR 8,000 B.C.!
HERE'S THE MAIN CITY ON THE ISLAND OF ATLANTIS! NOW I HAVE TO FIND THE ELEMENT PROTIUM! BUT FIRST, I'D BETTER LAND AND HIDE FROM MARY MARVEL!

...E MARY MARVEL ALSO ...ECTS THE SPACE-TIME LINE AND ARRIVES IN THE ANCIENT WORLD!
...OST TRACK OF ...ECKA WHEN SHE PASSED OUT OF THE FOURTH DIMENSION! IT'S GOING TO BE SOME JOB TO LOCATE HER HERE!

LET'S SEE! I BROUGHT ALONG PART OF THIS OLD PARCHMENT, ...CH FIRST GAVE US THE CLUE TO PROTIUM! IT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN A RECORD MADE BY... PROFESSOR CHAL-PATZUN!



YES, THE WOMAN WHO CLAIMS ATLANTIS WILL SINK SOON! HA, HA! NOBODY BELIEVES HIM. I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE HIM FOR, BUT HIS LABORATORY IS DOWN THE STREET. YOU CAN'T MISS IT--- A BIG ROUND DOME.
THE FUNNY THING IS, HE'S RIGHT--- ATLANTIS WILL SINK! BUT THE PEOPLE DON'T BELIEVE HIM! HERE'S HIS LABORATORY.
GOSH, THE DOOR IS THICK! HE SEEMS TO HAVE MADE THIS DOME TO LAST A LONG TIME!
JUST A MINUTE.
KNOCK KNOCK
ARE YOU ANOTHER ONE COMING TO LAUGH IN MY FACE, AND TELL ME I'M CRAZY? WHY DON'T YOU PEOPLE LEAVE ME IN PEACE!
NO MATTER I BELIEVE IT WHEN YOU SAY THAT ATLANTIS WILL SINK!
YOU DO? THEN COME IN, COME IN! YOU'RE THE FIRST SANE PERSON I'VE MET!
LOOK--- THEY ALL CALL ME A CRACKPOT BUT THERE IS A BIG EARTH FAULT UNDER OUR ISLAND! IN A SHORT TIME, THIS FAULT WILL CRACK UP, AND ATLANTIS WILL SINK BENEATH THE WAVES!
BUT THIS MACHINE WILL SAVE ATLANTIS!
WHAT? YOU MEAN YOU CAN PREVENT THE DISASTER?


AH, NO! I MEAN I WILL SAVE ATLANTIS FAR IN THE FUTURE-- --AND MAKE IT RISE AGAIN LET ME SHOW YOU HOW I WILL DO IT!
LOOK! THIS IS THE RAREST ELEMENT KNOWN TODAY--- PROTIUM!
PROTIUM! JUST THE STUFF I WANT.
YOU SEE, IN MY MACHINE, THE PROTIUM WILL-- --UGHHHH!
HEH HEH I'M NOT INTERESTED IN YOUR PLANS FOOL. WHAT I WANT IS THE PROTIUM!
CONK
BUT MARY MARVEL NOW ARRIVES HAVING PICKED UP GEORGE AS TRAIL
THIS MUST BE THE PLACE THAT MAN SAID HE DIRECTED GEORGE TO. HEY! WHAT'S THAT?
UGH!
HEH, HEH, HEH!
THAT LAUGH! IT'S THE SIVANA CHUCKLE OF EVIL GLEE! THIS IS THE PLACE ALL RIGHT!
NOW I'LL TAKE THE PROTIUM! HEH, HEH HEH!--- GULP! MARY MARVEL!
HELLO, MY DEAR.
ALL YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE IS THIS!
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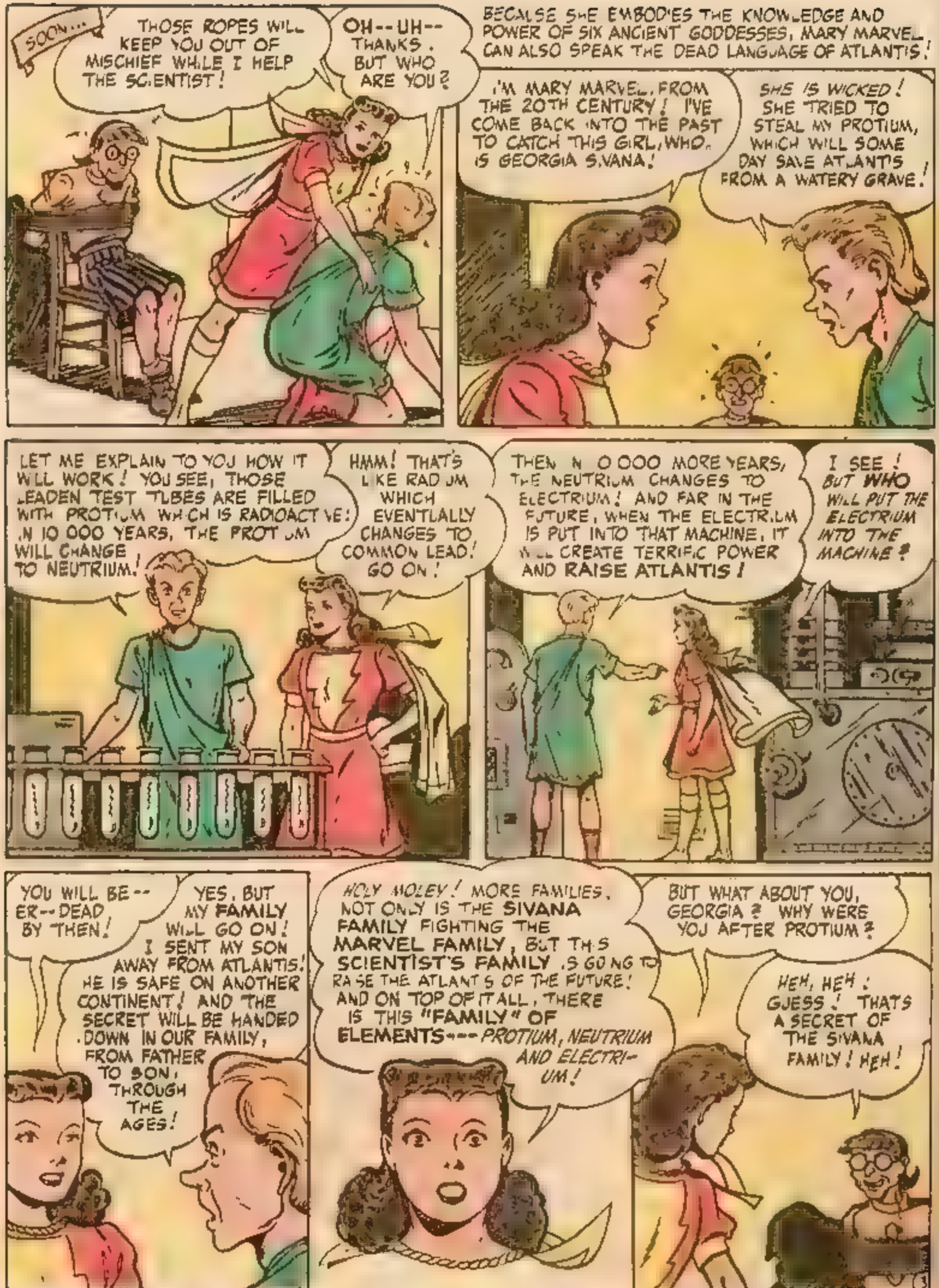
WHAP!

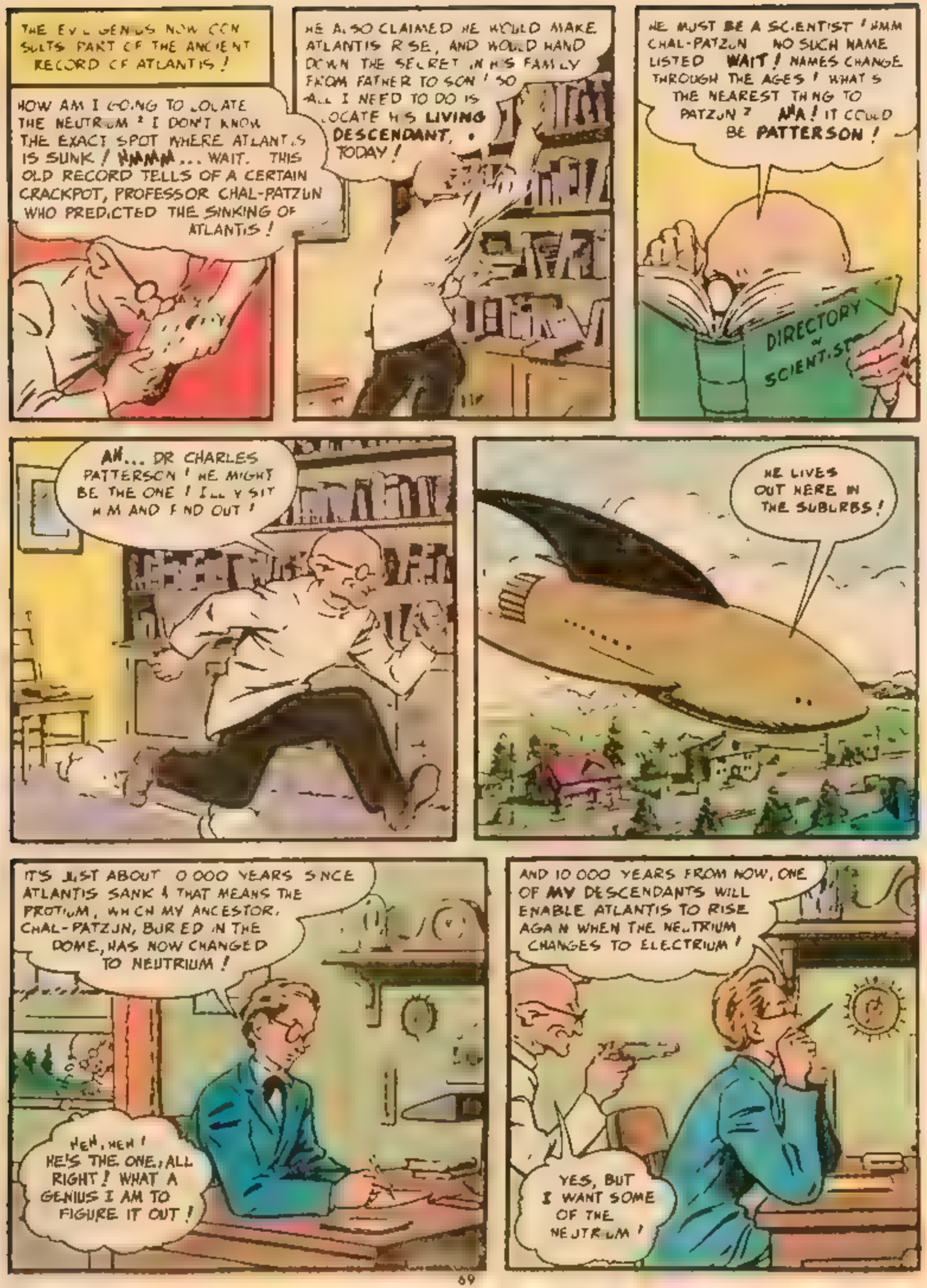

SOON...
THOSE ROPES WILL KEEP YOU OUT OF MISCHIEF WHILE I HELP THE SCIENTIST!
OH--UH--THANKS. BUT WHO ARE YOU?
BECAUSE SHE EMBODIES THE KNOWLEDGE AND POWER OF SIX ANCIENT GODDESSES, MARY MARVEL CAN ALSO SPEAK THE DEAD LANGUAGE OF ATLANTIS!
I'M MARY MARVEL, FROM THE 20TH CENTURY! I'VE COME BACK INTO THE PAST TO CATCH THIS GIRL, WHO IS GEORGIA SIVANA!
SHE IS WICKED! SHE TRIED TO STEAL MY PROTIUM, WHICH WILL SOME DAY SAVE ATLANTIS FROM A WATERY GRAVE!
LET ME EXPLAIN TO YOU HOW IT WILL WORK! YOU SEE, THOSE LEADEN TEST TUBES ARE FILLED WITH PROTIUM WHICH IS RADIOACTIVE! IN 10 000 YEARS, THE PROTIUM WILL CHANGE TO NEUTRIUM!
HMM! THAT'S LIKE RADIUM WHICH EVENTUALLY CHANGES TO COMMON LEAD! GO ON!
THEN IN 0 000 MORE YEARS, THE NEUTRIUM CHANGES TO ELECTRIUM! AND FAR IN THE FUTURE, WHEN THE ELECTRIUM IS PUT INTO THAT MACHINE, IT WILL CREATE TERRIFIC POWER AND RAISE ATLANTIS!
I SEE! BUT WHO WILL PUT THE ELECTRIUM INTO THE MACHINE?
YOU WILL BE--ER--DEAD BY THEN!
YES, BUT MY FAMILY WILL GO ON! I SENT MY SON AWAY FROM ATLANTIS! HE IS SAFE ON ANOTHER CONTINENT! AND THE SECRET WILL BE HANDED DOWN IN OUR FAMILY, FROM FATHER TO SON, THROUGH THE AGES!
HOLY MOLEY! MORE FAMILIES, NOT ONLY IS THE SIVANA FAMILY FIGHTING THE MARVEL FAMILY, BUT THIS SCIENTIST'S FAMILY IS GOING TO RAISE THE ATLANTIS OF THE FUTURE! AND ON TOP OF IT ALL, THERE IS THIS "FAMILY" OF ELEMENTS--- PROTIUM, NEUTRIUM AND ELECTRIUM!
BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU, GEORGIA? WHY WERE YOU AFTER PROTIUM?
HEH, HEH! GUESS! THAT'S A SECRET OF THE SIVANA FAMILY! HEH!

SUDDENLY...
WHAT'S THAT? THE GROUND IS SHAKING!
IT'S HAPPENED! THE EARTH FAULT IS CRACKING. ATLANTIS WILL SINK SOON!
AH, IF I COULD ONLY CHANGE THIS PROTIUM INTO ELECTRIUM RIGHT NOW! BUT IT WOULD TAKE TERRIFIC FORCE...
PROFESSOR I'VE GOT AN IDEA! MAYBE I CAN DO IT FOR YOU!
I CAN BRING DOWN MAGIC LIGHTNING, WHICH CONTAINS BILLIONS OF VOLTS MAYBE IT CAN CHANGE THE PROTIUM! I'LL TRY...
SHAZAM!
THE WIZARD'S NAME BRINGS DOWN THE MIGHTY LIGHTNING!
KARASH!
I CHANGED TO MARY BATSON! BUT DID THE PROTIUM CHANGE TO ELECTRIUM?
LET ME SEE.. BETA RAYS.. GAMMA...
NO! IT FAILED! IT IS STILL PROTIUM! I GUESS IT TAKES 20 000 YEARS OF TIME TO MAKE ELECTRIUM! I CAN'T SAVE ATLANTIS--NOW!
I'M SORRY SIR.
BUT NOW..
RUMBLE!
THE QUAKE HAS STARTED! ATLANTIS IS GOING TO SINK IN A FEW MINUTES!
OHHHH!
RUM BLE

WHAT LUCK! THE QUAKE FREED ME! NOW'S MY CHANCE TO GRAB THE PROTIUM AND MARY BATSON BOTH!
GOT YOU! NOW YOU CAN'T CHANGE TO MARY MARVEL AGAIN!
SHAZ--
GGGGGG.
E GOT MY PROTIUM BUT L ONLY TAKE ONE PILL AND LEAVE THE REST IN THE SAFE! BECAUSE FAR IN THE FUTURE, PAPA AND MY BROTHER WILL NEED THE NEUTRIUM AND ELECTRIUM!
LL LET THE OLD PROFESSOR DIE WITH THE REST OF ATLANTIS! I COULD LEAVE YOU IN THERE, TOO, MARY, BUT YOU MIGHT GET FREE! SO I'LL TAKE YOU ALONG AS MY PRISONER!
SCARCELY IN TIME CAPTAIN REACHES HER ROCKET SHIP AND ZOOMS UP AS THE DOOMED ISLAND SINKS BENEATH THE WAVES
WOW! SOME SIGHT! WELL, I'VE GOT MY PROTIUM--AND ALSO MARY! IT'S BACK TO THE 20TH CENTURY FOR ME!
AND SO MARY CAPTAIN MARVEL LOSES FROM THE LOST ATLANTIS SINKS TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA ONLY THE STURDY DOME OF THE SCIENTIST REMAINS INTACT WITHIN IT LIES PROTIUM WHICH WILL CHANGE TO NEUTRIUM BY THE 20TH CENTURY! AND NEUTRIUM IS WHAT DR. SIVANA HIMSELF SEEKS!
READ THE NEXT STORY, WHICH IS CAPTAIN MARVEL'S OWN ADVENTURE AGAINST WILY DR. SIVANA, THE WORLD'S WICKEDEST SCIENTIST -- ON THIRD PAGE FOLLOWING

PART 33
CAPTAIN MARVEL
FACES DANGER in the DEEP!
HIDDEN FOR 10,000 YEARS BENEATH THE WAVES OF THE ATLANTIC

LET US GO BACK A BIT, TO THE TIME WHEN DR SIVANA LEFT THE ROCK OF ETERNITY PURSUED BY CAPTAIN MARVEL!
SIVANA SAID HE'S GOING TO STAY IN THE PRESENT! SO HE'S JUST RETURNING TO EARTH! WOW, IS HE PILING ON SPEED!
HEH! HEH! ONE MORE BLAST AND I'LL REACH THE SPEED OF LIGHT AND BE BACK IN THE PRESENT!
I'VE GOT HOLD OF A ROCKET TUBE! I'LL HOLD HIM BACK!
HUH? THE TUBE ONLY BROKE OFF! AND THERE GOES SIVANA!
CRACK
SOON, BACK ON EARTH
AH! I'M BACK AT MY FLOATING LAB! BUT MARVEL MIGHT FOLLOW ME! I'LL RUSH INSIDE AND TURN ON THE CLOUD-MAKING MACHINE!
WHEN CAPTAIN MARVEL ARRIVES
NO SIGN OF SIVANA AND HIS ROCKET SHIP! I GUESS HE GAVE ME THE SLIP!
GEORGIA WILL BRING BACK PROTIUM FROM THE PAST ATLANTIS! AND JR. WILL BRING ELECTRIUM FROM THE FUTURE! MY JOB IS TO GET NEUTRIUM, AND WHEN WE HAVE ALL THREE, WE CAN RUN THIS MACHINE WHICH WILL DESTROY THE MARVEL FAMILY FOREVER!


THE EVIL GENIUS NOW CONSULTS PART OF THE ANCIENT RECORD OF ATLANTIS!
HOW AM I GOING TO LOCATE THE NEUTRUM? I DON'T KNOW THE EXACT SPOT WHERE ATLANTIS IS SUNK! HMMM... WAIT. THIS OLD RECORD TELLS OF A CERTAIN CRACKPOT, PROFESSOR CHAL-PATZUN WHO PREDICTED THE SINKING OF ATLANTIS!
HE ALSO CLAIMED HE WOULD MAKE ATLANTIS RISE, AND WOULD HAND DOWN THE SECRET IN HIS FAMILY FROM FATHER TO SON! SO ALL I NEED TO DO IS LOCATE HIS LIVING DESCENDANT, TODAY!
HE MUST BE A SCIENTIST! HMM CHAL-PATZUN NO SUCH NAME LISTED WAIT! NAMES CHANGE THROUGH THE AGES! WHAT'S THE NEAREST THING TO PATZUN? AHA! IT COULD BE PATTERSON!
DIRECTORY OF SCIENTISTS
AH... DR CHARLES PATTERSON! HE MIGHT BE THE ONE! I'LL SIT HIM AND FIND OUT!
HE LIVES OUT HERE IN THE SUBURBS!
IT'S JUST ABOUT 0 000 YEARS SINCE ATLANTIS SANK! THAT MEANS THE PROTIUM, WHICH MY ANCESTOR, CHAL-PATZUN, BURIED IN THE DOME, HAS NOW CHANGED TO NEUTRIUM!
HEH, HEH! HE'S THE ONE, ALL RIGHT! WHAT A GENIUS I AM TO FIGURE IT OUT!
AND 10 000 YEARS FROM NOW, ONE OF MY DESCENDANTS WILL ENABLE ATLANTIS TO RISE AGAIN WHEN THE NEUTRIUM CHANGES TO ELECTRIUM!
YES, BUT I WANT SOME OF THE NEUTRUM!

DR SHAZAM! WHAT ?
WHERE DOES THE DOME LIE ? ONLY YOU CAN ANSWER THAT FOR ME ! IT'S A SECRET HANDED DOWN IN YOUR FAMILY !
ANSWER, OR I'LL SHOOT !
G-GULP ! TO REACH SUNKEN ATLANTIS, YOU GO TO... MAYBE I'D BETTER TAKE YOU THERE MYSELF !
BUT WHILE ANSWERING, THE SCIENTIST DESPERATELY SCRATCHES A MESSAGE BEHIND HIM...
MAYBE SOMEBODY WILL SEE THIS ON THE WALL AND FOLLOW IN CASE I'M KILLED OR KIDNAPPED !
OKAY, PATTERSON, SHOW ME THE WAY !
LATER, AT STATION WHIZ, BILLY BATSON GIVES THE NEWS OVER THE AIR !
FLASH ! THE YOUNG SCIENTIST, DR CHARLES PATTERSON HAS VANISHED FROM HIS HOME POLICE SUSPECT FOUL PLAY !
LATER...
I'M GOING TO INVESTIGATE THIS MYSELF ! THE POLICE MAY HAVE OVERLOOKED SOME CLUE !
INSIDE BILLY'S SHARP EYES SPOT THE PAINT MESSAGE LEFT BEHIND BY THE SCIENTIST !
ATLANTIC COAST, 35 DEGREES ! WHAT DOES IT MEAN ? WELL, THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT... SHAZAM !

THE MYST C WORD!.. MAG C LIGHTN NG!
BM
AND CAPTAIN MARVEL!
I'LL RUSH OVER TO THE ATLANTIC COAST AT 35 DEGREES LAT.TUDE, AND SEE WHAT'S UP!
MEANWHILE, AT THAT SPOT
I'VE TESTED ALL SEAMS! THE SHIP IS WATER-TIGHT! SO NOW WE'LL USE THIS ROCKET SHIP AS A SUBMARINE, AND VISIT SUNKEN ATLANTIS!
TAP
TAP
I'VE BUILT THIS ROCKET SHIP TO GO UNDER WATER, AS WELL AS FLY! WE SIVANAS ARE GREAT SC ENTIFIC GENIUSES, YOU KNOW! HEH, HEH!
BLOOP!
CAPTA N MARVEL ARR VES - -BUT TOO LATE!
HERE'S LATITUDE 35! BUT I DON'T SEE ANYTHING!
WA T! A BIG BUNCH OF BUBBLES COM NG UP! THAT MEANS SOMETH NG JUST SUBMERGED HERE! I'M GOING TO FOLLOW!
HOLY MOLEY! THE BUBBLES LEAD DOWN AND DOWN! THERE'S ONLY ONE MAN I KNOW WHO COULD GO DOWN THIS FAR IN ANY SORT OF SHIP SIVANA! I'LL BET I M ON HIS TRAIL!
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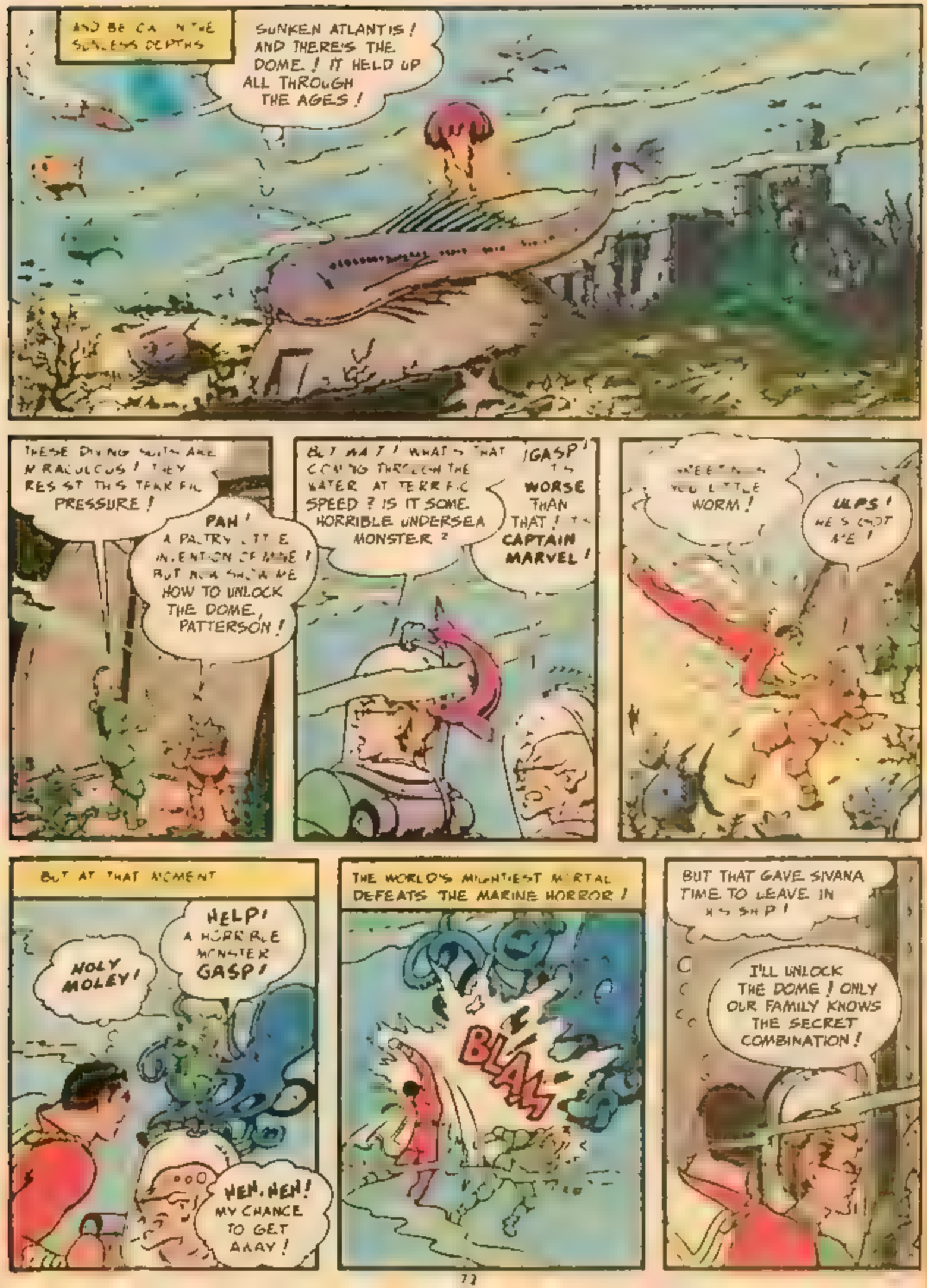
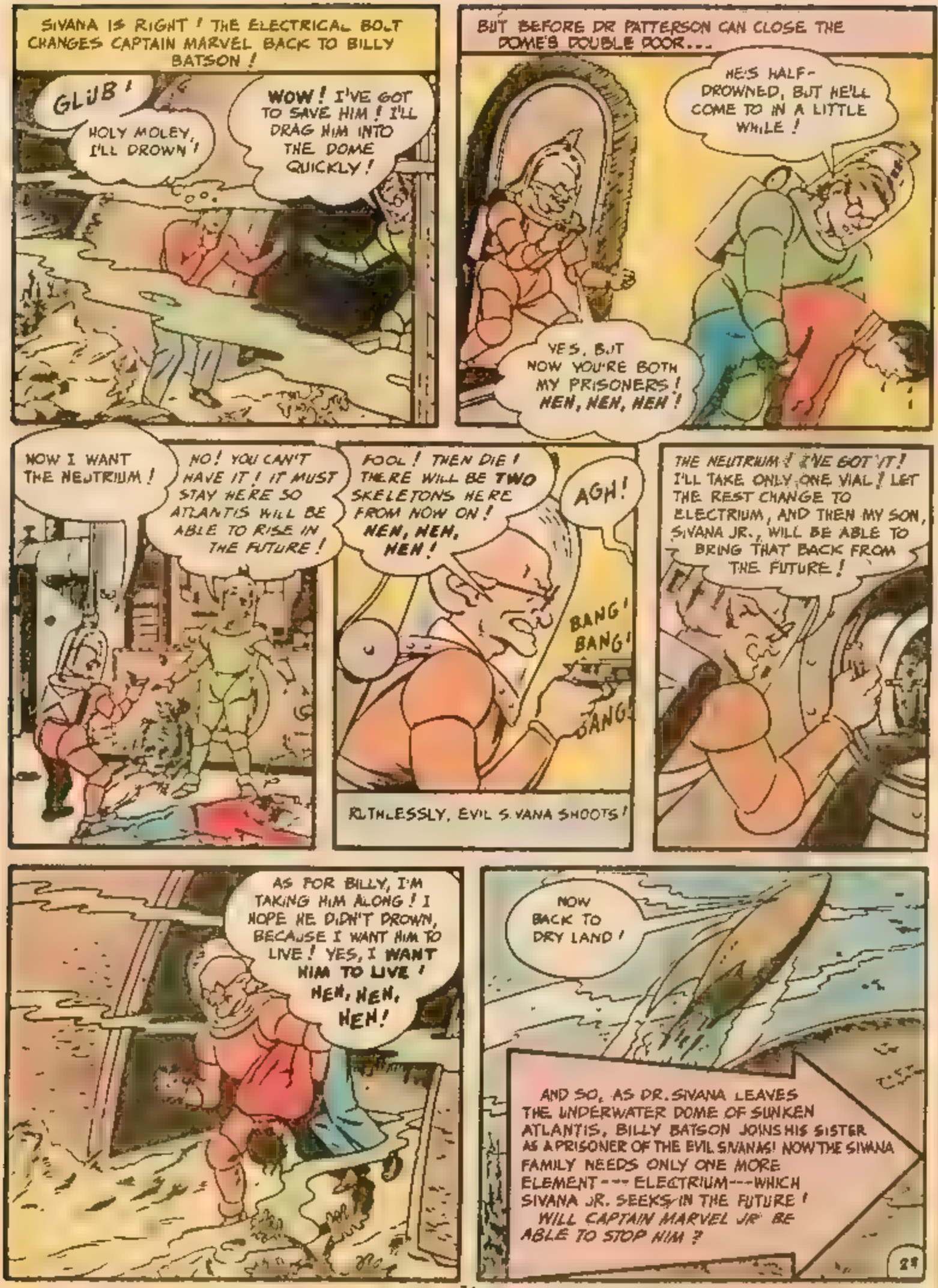

AND BE CA N THE SUNLESS DEPTHS
SUNKEN ATLANTIS! AND THERE'S THE DOME! IT HELD UP ALL THROUGH THE AGES!
THESE DIVING SUITS ARE MIRACULOUS! THEY RESIST THIS TERRIFIC PRESSURE!
PAH! A PALTRY LITTLE INVENTION OF MINE! BUT NOW SHOW ME HOW TO UNLOCK THE DOME, PATTERSON!
BUT WAIT! WHAT'S THAT COMING THROUGH THE WATER AT TERRIFIC SPEED? IS IT SOME HORRIBLE UNDERSEA MONSTER?
!GASP! IT'S WORSE THAN THAT! IT'S CAPTAIN MARVEL!
WEE-NOW YOU LITTLE WORM!
ULPS! HE'S GOT ME!
BUT AT THAT MOMENT
HELP! A HORRIBLE MONSTER GASP!
HOLY MOLEY!
HEH, HEH! MY CHANCE TO GET AAAY!
THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL DEFEATS THE MARINE HORROR!
BLAM
BUT THAT GAVE SIVANA TIME TO LEAVE IN HIS SHIP!
I'LL UNLOCK THE DOME! ONLY OUR FAMILY KNOWS THE SECRET COMBINATION!

INSIDE THE DOME THERE LIES A GRIM RELIC OF THE FAR PAST!
THAT'S THE SKELETON OF MY ANCESTOR --- PROFESSOR CHAL PATZUN! HE BUILT THIS DOME TO SURVIVE THE SINKING OF ATLANTIS IN ORDER TO PROTECT HIS MACHINE AND THE PROTUM!
TELL ME THE WHOLE STORY, SIR!
WHEN CAPTAIN MARVEL IS AWARE OF THE FULL FACTS...
SO THE ORIGINAL PROTIUM HAS NOW CHANGED TO NEUTRUM!
YES! AND IN 10,000 MORE YEARS IT WILL BECOME ELECTRUM, THE POWER ELEMENT WHICH WILL BE ABLE TO RAISE ATLANTIS!
BUT LOOK---ONE VIAL IS MISSING! WHAT HAPPENED TO IT?
HOLY MOLEY! GEORGIA SIVANA WAS SENT TO THE PAST! SHE MUST HAVE SUCCEEDED IN GETTING ONE VIAL OF THE ORIGINAL PROTIUM!
THAT MEANS MARY MARVEL FAILED TO STOP HER! WHAT HAPPENED, WAY BACK THERE? I'M WORRIED ABOUT MARY! BUT ANYWAY, WE PREVENTED SIVANA FROM GETTING A VIAL OF THE NEUTRUM!
BUT I'LL BET HE'LL BE BACK!
WAIT! HERE COMES SIVANA NOW! BUT WHAT'S HE GOT TIED BEHIND HIS SHIP?
HEH, HEH! THIS GIANT ELECTRIC EEL GIVES OFF A TERRIFIC VOLTAGE! AND MAGNIFIED BY THE WATER PRESSURE DOWN HERE, IT SHOULD DO WHAT I WANT IT TO DO!
WHAM


SIVANA IS RIGHT ! THE ELECTRICAL BOLT CHANGES CAPTAIN MARVEL BACK TO BILLY BATSON !
GLUB !
HOLY MOLEY, I'LL DROWN !
WOW ! I'VE GOT TO SAVE HIM ! I'LL DRAG HIM INTO THE DOME QUICKLY !
BUT BEFORE DR PATTERSON CAN CLOSE THE DOME'S DOUBLE DOOR...
HE'S HALF-DROWNED, BUT HE'LL COME TO IN A LITTLE WHILE !
YES, BUT NOW YOU'RE BOTH MY PRISONERS ! HEH, HEH, HEH !
NOW I WANT THE NEUTRIUM !
NO ! YOU CAN'T HAVE IT ! IT MUST STAY HERE SO ATLANTIS WILL BE ABLE TO RISE IN THE FUTURE !
FOOL ! THEN DIE ! THERE WILL BE TWO SKELETONS HERE FROM NOW ON ! HEH, HEH, HEH !
AGH !
BANG ! BANG ! BANG !
RUTHLESSLY, EVIL SIVANA SHOOTS !
THE NEUTRIUM ! I'VE GOT IT ! I'LL TAKE ONLY ONE VIAL ! LET THE REST CHANGE TO ELECTRIUM, AND THEN MY SON, SIVANA JR., WILL BE ABLE TO BRING THAT BACK FROM THE FUTURE !
AS FOR BILLY, I'M TAKING HIM ALONG ! I HOPE HE DIDN'T DROWN, BECAUSE I WANT HIM TO LIVE ! YES, I WANT HIM TO LIVE ! HEH, HEH, HEH !
NOW BACK TO DRY LAND !
AND SO, AS DR. SIVANA LEAVES THE UNDERWATER DOME OF SUNKEN ATLANTIS, BILLY BATSON JOINS HIS SISTER AS A PRISONER OF THE EVIL SIVANAS! NOW THE SIVANA FAMILY NEEDS ONLY ONE MORE ELEMENT --- ELECTRIUM --- WHICH SIVANA JR. SEEKS IN THE FUTURE ! WILL CAPTAIN MARVEL JR BE ABLE TO STOP HIM ?
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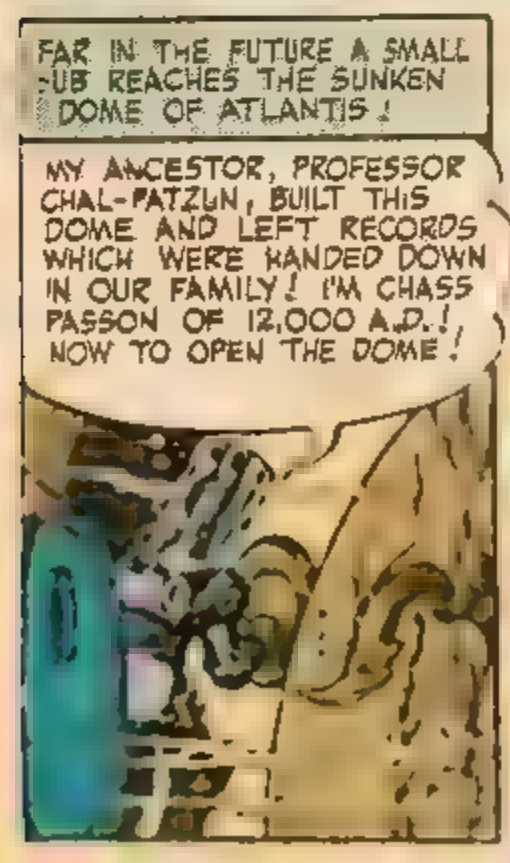
PART 4
Capt. MARVEL JR.
ATLANTIS RISES AGAIN
WHOOP!


FAR IN THE FUTURE A SMALL SUB REACHES THE SUNKEN DOME OF ATLANTIS!
MY ANCESTOR, PROFESSOR CHAL-PATZUN, BUILT THIS DOME AND LEFT RECORDS WHICH WERE HANDED DOWN IN OUR FAMILY! I'M CHASS PASSON OF 12,000 A.D.! NOW TO OPEN THE DOME!

TWO SKELETONS! SOME OF MY FAMILY DIED IN HERE, GIVING THEIR LIVES FOR THIS GREAT PROJECT!

AND STORED THE ELEMENT PROTIUM HERE! IT HAS NOW CHANGED TO ELECTRUM, THE POWER ELEMENT WHICH WILL RAISE SUNKEN ATLANTIS!

BUT THERE ARE TWO VALVES MISSING! WHO STOLE THEM? I HOPE THERE IS ENOUGH LEFT TO RAISE ATLANTIS.
I'LL PUT THE ELECTRIUM INTO THE MACHINE AND BEGIN!
HUMMMMMMMMMMMM WHIRRRRRR BUZZZZZZZZ
NOW! THIS IS THE GREAT MOMENT FOR WHICH CHALPATZUN PLANNED 20000 YEARS AGO! WILL ATLANTIS ONCE AGAIN ARISE? I'LL PULL THE LEVERS....
HURRAY! IT'S WORKING! THE TREMENDOUS POWER OF THE ELECTRIUM IS CREATING A TERRIFIC FORCE WHICH IS RELEASING THE ISLAND FROM THE OCEAN BOTTOM! WE ARE MOVING UP!
AND LATER THE SCIENTIFIC MIRACLE IS WITNESSED BY SIANA JR., AS A LONG-SUNKEN LAND ARISES FROM ITS WATERY GRAVE INTO THE SUN AND AIR OF THE UPPER WORLD!
WOW! WHAT A SIGHT! A HUGE ISLAND RISING OUT OF THE OCEAN! IT MUST BE ATLANTIS!
I GAVE CAPT. MARVEL JR. THE SLIP WHEN I CAME HERE FROM THE FOURTH DIMENSION! NOW I'LL LAND AT THE DOME, AND GET THE ELECTRIUM I WANT!
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ATLANTIS HAS RISEN! AND THROUGH THE POWER OF ELECTRUM, I WILL ONCE MORE RESTORE ITS ANCIENT GLORY!
I'LL DO THAT DO!
IT SO HAPPENS I WANT THE ELECTRIUM! HEH, HEH!
BOP!
UGG!
ZZZZZZZZZZZ
NOW TO TAKE THE ELECTRUM--- WAIT! WHAT'S THAT COMING?
IT'S THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST BOY.
I WAS RIGHT BEHIND YOU ALL THE TIME, MY FRIEND.
BLAP!
YIPE! CAPTAIN MARVEL JR.!
BLAST YOU! I MUST ESCAPE! I HAVE SOME NICE SOGGY SEAWEED IN YOUR FACE.
SPLAT!
ERK!
ONCE I HIDE AMONG THESE RUINS, HE'LL NEVER FIND ME!
BLAST IT! I CAN'T DO ANYTHING WITH THIS STUFF!
DOGGONE! HE GOT AWAY! WELL, NO USE SEARCHING THROUGH THIS MESS! I'LL GO BACK TO THE DOME!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
.....YES. THAT WAS A NASTY CRACK ON THE HEAD; BUT NO HARM DONE!
BUT NOW TO USE THE ELECTRIUM TO CLEAR THE RUINS!
ELECTRIUM! SO THAT'S THE STUFF SIVANA JR. CAME TO GET! HE'LL TRY AGAIN, SO I'LL HANG AROUND!
I BROUGHT THIS RAY GUN ALONG! I'LL PUT THE ELECTRIUM IN IT AND USE IT TO CLEAR THE RUINS!
WHOOM!
SEE? THE ELECTRIUM IS SO POWERFUL, IT SHOOTS OUT A DISINTEGRATING RAY! I'LL CLEAR ALL THE RUINS OFF OF ATLANTIS, SO A NEW CITY CAN BE BUILT!
I'VE GOT TO GET THAT ELECTRIUM---BUT HOW? WHILE CAPT. MARVEL JR. IS ON GUARD, I DON'T DARE SHOW MYSELF!
SIVANA JR. LURKS IN THE RUINS WAITING FOR A BREAK!
I'VE BEEN SO EAGER TO START ALL THIS I DIDN'T EVEN INTRODUCE MYSELF! I'M CHASS PASSON! BUT WHO ARE YOU?
WHY, I'M CAPT. MAR---ER---UM---
CAPT. MARVEL JR., ALONE OF THE MARVEL FAMILY, ALWAYS HAS A PECULIAR PROBLEM WHEN PEOPLE ASK MY NAME. FOR..
WHENEVER I TELL MY NAME, THE MAGIC LIGHTNING COMES BECAUSE THE FIRST TWO WORDS-- CAPTAIN MARVEL--- MAKE ME CHANGE! OH, WELL, FREDDY CAN CHANGE BACK.
I'M CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. OF THE 20TH CENTURY!

MAGIC LIGHTNING THUNDERS DOWN FOR CAPT. MARVEL JR. HAS UTTERED HIS TWO KEY WORDS, IN TELLING HIS NAME.
BOOM!
AND FREDDY FREEMAN APPEARS.
AND I'M FREDDY FREEMAN
WH-WHAT! THERE ARE TWO OF YOU..
YES, YOU SEE, WE CHANGE BACK AND FORTH BY MAGIC LIGHTNING! IT'S SAFE TO TELL YOU BECAUSE THIS IS FAR FROM THE 20TH CENTURY! NOBODY KNOWS MY SECRET BACK THERE EXCEPT--
EXCEPT ME AND THE REST OF THE SIVANA FAMILY! HEH, HEH, HEH!
ZIP!
WHUD!
OHHH!
SEIZING THE OPPORTUNITY, SIVANA JR. STRIKES FROM HIDING!
BUT YOU FORGOT ME, YOU SCOUNDREL! I CAN BLAST YOU INTO ATOMS WITH MY RAY GUN!
GULP!
KAHOOM!
GOT TO TAKE A CHANCE! I'LL RUN FOR IT!
I MISSED HIM! WHERE IS HE HIDING?
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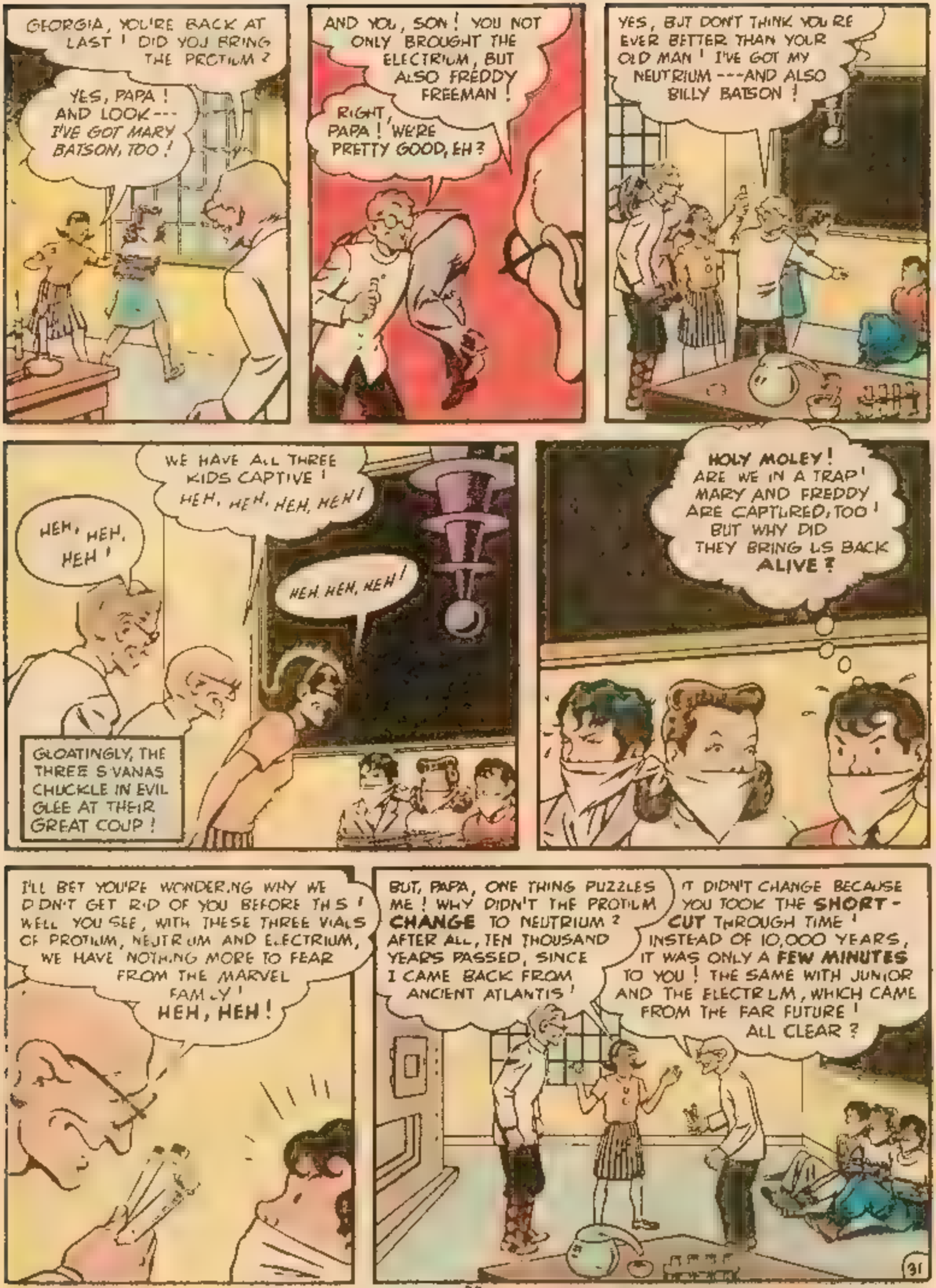
RIGHT HERE! IF I CAN JUST SHOVE THIS STATUE OVER ON HIM...
IT WORKED! HEH, HEH, HEH!
THUD!
AHHH!
AND I'VE GOT HIS RAY-GUN!
SHALL I BLAST HIM TO ATOMS? HEH, HEH! NO ---WAIT! I WANT FREDDY TO LIVE, AND SEE HOW HE SIVANA MALE WON OUT!
'LL JUST TAKE THE ELECTRIUM OUT OF THE GUN, AND BRING IT BACK TO PAPA. THAT'S WHAT I CAME FOR!
'LL TAKE FREDDY BACK TO THE 20TH CENTURY WITH ME TOO! HEH, HEH, HEH!
AND SO SIVANA JR., TOO, HAS SUCCEEDED IN HIS MISSION. AND RETURNS TO MEET THE REST OF THE EVIL SIVANA FAMILY WHICH HAS WON EVERY ROUND AGAINST THE MARVEL FAMILY SO FAR! FREDDY, LIKE MARY AND BILLY, IS ALSO A PRISONER NOW! WHAT WILL BE THE FINAL OUTCOME?

THE MARVEL FAMILY
in the
BATTLE OF THE AGE!
PART 5
ZAP ZAP
ZAP
RETURNING FROM THE PAST AND FUTURE, GEORGINA SIVANA AND SIVANA JR MEET AT THE ROCK OF ETERNITY, AND THEN FLY TOGETHER BACK TO EARTH!
THERE'S OUR FLOATING LAB!
PAPA WILL BE WAITING FOR US!


GEORGIA, YOU'RE BACK AT LAST ! DID YOU BRING THE PROTIUM ?
YES, PAPA ! AND LOOK--- I'VE GOT MARY BATSON, TOO !
AND YOU, SON ! YOU NOT ONLY BROUGHT THE ELECTRIUM, BUT ALSO FREDDY FREEMAN !
RIGHT, PAPA ! WE'RE PRETTY GOOD, EH ?
YES, BUT DON'T THINK YOU'RE EVER BETTER THAN YOUR OLD MAN ! I'VE GOT MY NEUTRIUM ---AND ALSO BILLY BATSON !
WE HAVE ALL THREE KIDS CAPTIVE ! HEH, HEH, HEH, HEH !
HEH, HEH, HEH !
HEH, HEH, HEH !
GLOATINGLY, THE THREE SIVANAS CHUCKLE IN EVIL GLEE AT THEIR GREAT COUP !
HOLY MOLEY ! ARE WE IN A TRAP ! MARY AND FREDDY ARE CAPTURED, TOO ! BUT WHY DID THEY BRING US BACK ALIVE ?
I'LL BET YOU'RE WONDERING WHY WE DIDN'T GET RID OF YOU BEFORE THIS ! WELL YOU SEE, WITH THESE THREE VIALS OF PROTIUM, NEUTRIUM AND ELECTRIUM, WE HAVE NOTHING MORE TO FEAR FROM THE MARVEL FAMILY ! HEH, HEH !
BUT, PAPA, ONE THING PUZZLES ME ! WHY DIDN'T THE PROTIUM CHANGE TO NEUTRIUM ? AFTER ALL, TEN THOUSAND YEARS PASSED, SINCE I CAME BACK FROM ANCIENT ATLANTIS !
IT DIDN'T CHANGE BECAUSE YOU TOOK THE SHORT-CUT THROUGH TIME ! INSTEAD OF 10,000 YEARS, IT WAS ONLY A FEW MINUTES TO YOU ! THE SAME WITH JUNIOR AND THE ELECTRIUM, WHICH CAME FROM THE FAR FUTURE ! ALL CLEAR ?
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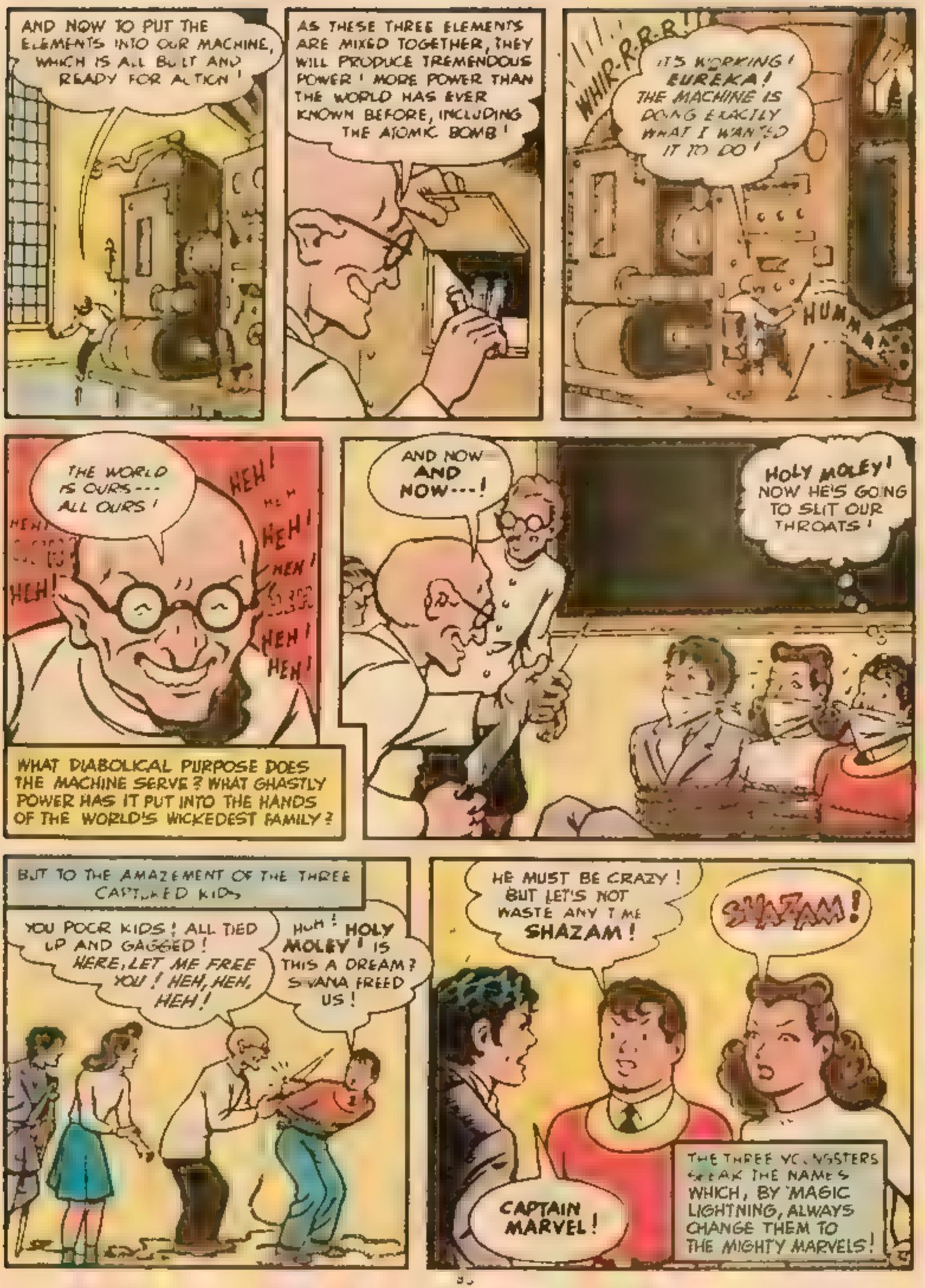
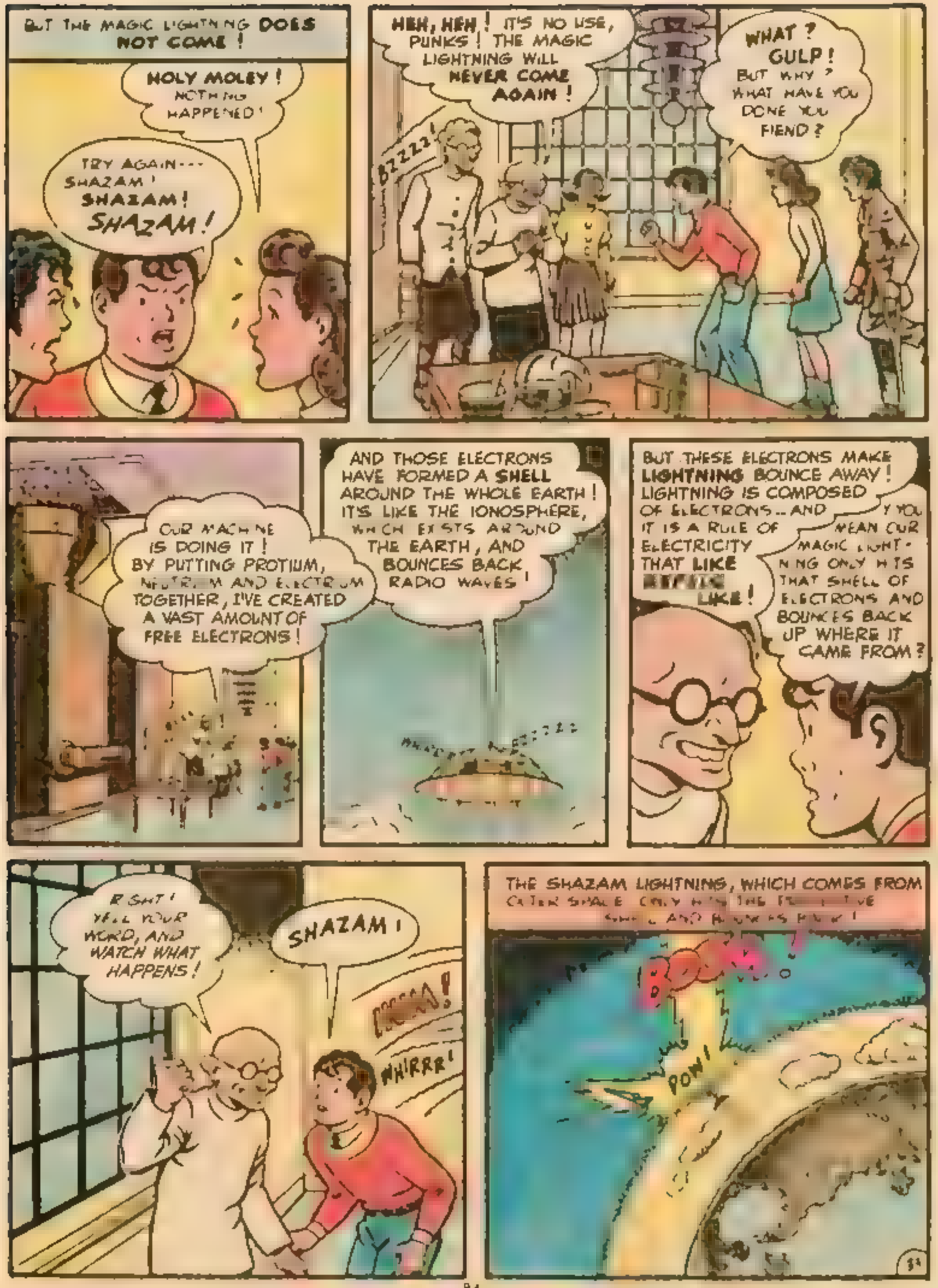

AND NOW TO PUT THE ELEMENTS INTO OUR MACHINE, WHICH IS ALL BUILT AND READY FOR ACTION!
AS THESE THREE ELEMENTS ARE MIXED TOGETHER, THEY WILL PRODUCE TREMENDOUS POWER! MORE POWER THAN THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN BEFORE, INCLUDING THE ATOMIC BOMB!
WHIR-R-R-R!
IT'S WORKING! EUREKA! THE MACHINE IS DOING EXACTLY WHAT I WANTED IT TO DO!
HUMM
THE WORLD IS OURS--- ALL OURS!
HEH! HEH! HEH! HEH! HEH! HEH! HEH!
WHAT DIABOLICAL PURPOSE DOES THE MACHINE SERVE? WHAT GHASTLY POWER HAS IT PUT INTO THE HANDS OF THE WORLD'S WICKEDEST FAMILY?
AND NOW AND NOW---!
HOLY MOLEY! NOW HE'S GOING TO SLIT OUR THROATS!
BUT TO THE AMAZEMENT OF THE THREE CAPTURED KIDS
YOU POOR KIDS! ALL TIED UP AND GAGGED! HERE, LET ME FREE YOU! HEH, HEH, HEH!
HUM! HOLY MOLEY! IS THIS A DREAM? SIVANA FREED US!
HE MUST BE CRAZY! BUT LET'S NOT WASTE ANY TIME SHAZAM!
SHAZAM!
CAPTAIN MARVEL!
THE THREE YOUNGSTERS SPEAK THE NAMES WHICH, BY MAGIC LIGHTNING, ALWAYS CHANGE THEM TO THE MIGHTY MARVELS!


BUT THE MAGIC LIGHTNING DOES NOT COME!
HOLY MOLEY! NOTHING HAPPENED!
TRY AGAIN--- SHAZAM! SHAZAM! SHAZAM!
HEH, HEH! IT'S NO USE, PUNKS! THE MAGIC LIGHTNING WILL NEVER COME AGAIN!
BZZZZ!
WHAT? GULP! BUT WHY? WHAT HAVE YOU DONE YOU FIEND?
OUR MACHINE IS DOING IT! BY PUTTING PROTIUM, NEUTRIUM AND ELECTRUM TOGETHER, I'VE CREATED A VAST AMOUNT OF FREE ELECTRONS!
AND THOSE ELECTRONS HAVE FORMED A SHELL AROUND THE WHOLE EARTH! IT'S LIKE THE IONOSPHERE, WHICH EXISTS AROUND THE EARTH, AND BOUNCES BACK RADIO WAVES!
BUT THESE ELECTRONS MAKE LIGHTNING BOUNCE AWAY! LIGHTNING IS COMPOSED OF ELECTRONS.. AND IT IS A RULE OF ELECTRICITY THAT LIKE [redacted] LIKE!
Y YOU MEAN OUR MAGIC LIGHTNING ONLY HITS THAT SHELL OF ELECTRONS AND BOUNCES BACK UP WHERE IT CAME FROM?
RIGHT! YELL YOUR WORD, AND WATCH WHAT HAPPENS!
SHAZAM!
WHIRRR!
THE SHAZAM LIGHTNING, WHICH COMES FROM OUTER SPACE ONLY HITS THE [redacted] SHELL AND BOUNCES BACK!
BOOM!
POW!
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SO NOW YOU SEE WHY WE WENT TO ALL THE TROUBLE TO GET PROTIUM, NEUTRIUM AND ELECTRIUM ! FOR AS LONG AS THIS MACHINE OPERATES, NEVER AGAIN CHANGE TO THE MARVEL FAMILY ! HEH ! HEH !
MARCH ! WE'RE GOING TO TAKE YOU DOWN TO EARTH AND SHOW YOU THE PALACE WE SECRETLY BUILT, FROM WHICH THE SIVANA DYNASTY WILL RULE THE EARTH !
WITH THE MARVEL FAMILY OUT OF THE WAY, WE CAN EASILY CONQUER THE EARTH UNIVERSE ! HEH, HEH !
BELOW, ON EARTH'S
OUR PALACE ! IT'S! BUILT IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE, SO THAT NO ONE WOULD STUMBLE ON IT !
SIVANA
JUNIOR
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AND NOW, SINCE WE'LL SOON BE ROYALTY, WE'LL INDULGE IN THE SPORT OF KINGS!
OH, THIS WILL BE FUN, PAPA! WHAT ARE WE GOING TO HUNT?
WE'RE GOING TO HUNT DOWN BILLY, MARY AND FREDDY! HEH, HEH, HEH!
HOLY MOLEY! WE'RE TO BE THE FOXES!
THE CRUEL SPORT BEGINS!
TALLY HO-O-O-O-O! HEH, HEH, HEH!
LET THEM GET A HEAD START! WE CAN PROLONG THIS FOR HOURS BEFORE WE RUN THEM DOWN! AND THE BEST PART IS, THEY CAN'T — CHANCE TO MARVELS! HEH, HEH, HEH!
BILLY MARY AND FREDDY FACE THE MOST AGONIZING CRISIS OF THEIR LIVES!
OH, BILLY! WE HAVEN'T GOT A CHANCE! THEY'LL RUN US DOWN SOONER OR LATER! THE FIENDS!
TRY OUR MAGIC WORD AGAIN -- SHAZAM!
CAPTAIN MARVEL
BUT NOTHING HAPPENS!
IT'S NO USE! WE'RE TRAPPED! THERE'S ONLY ONE HOPE --- TO GET UP INTO THE FLOATING LAB AND DESTROY THAT MACHINE!
BUT HOW, BILLY? WE HAVE NO WAY OF GETTING UP THERE!
NO, BUT WE HAVE TO OUTWIT THEM, LIKE A HUNTED FOX WOULD! FOLLOW ME!
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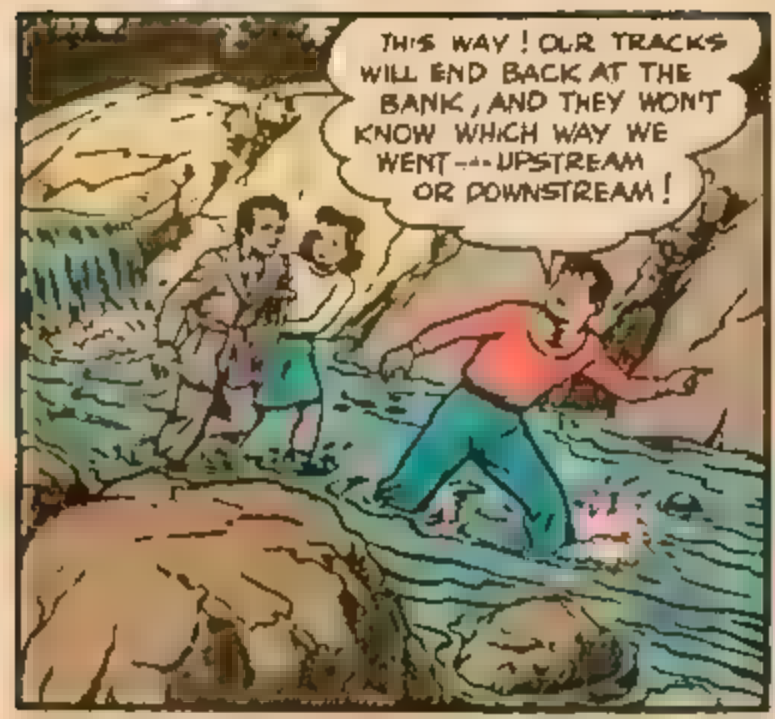
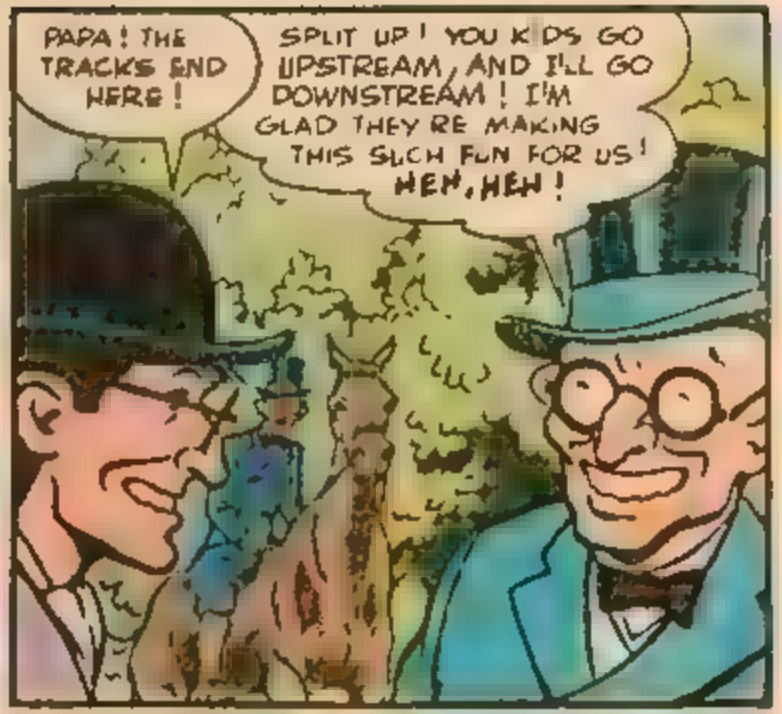
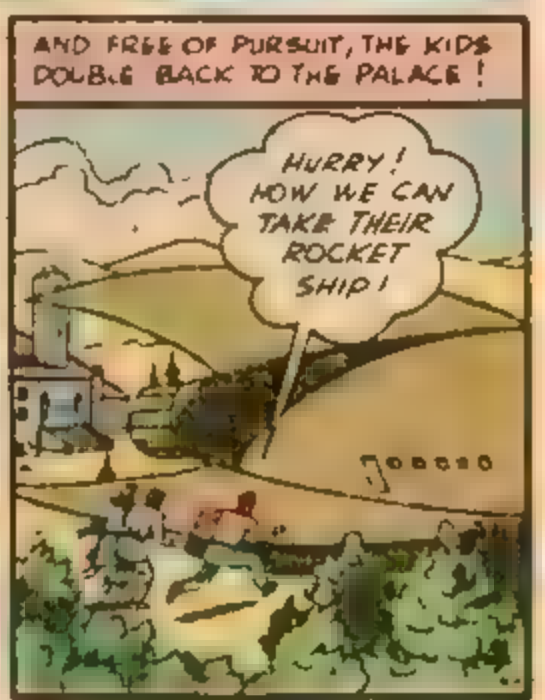
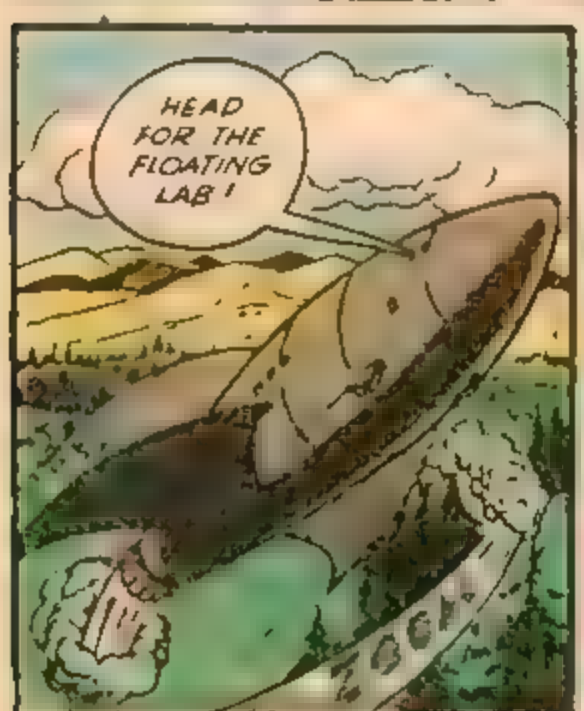

THIS WAY! OUR TRACKS WILL END BACK AT THE BANK, AND THEY WON'T KNOW WHICH WAY WE WENT --- UPSTREAM OR DOWNSTREAM!

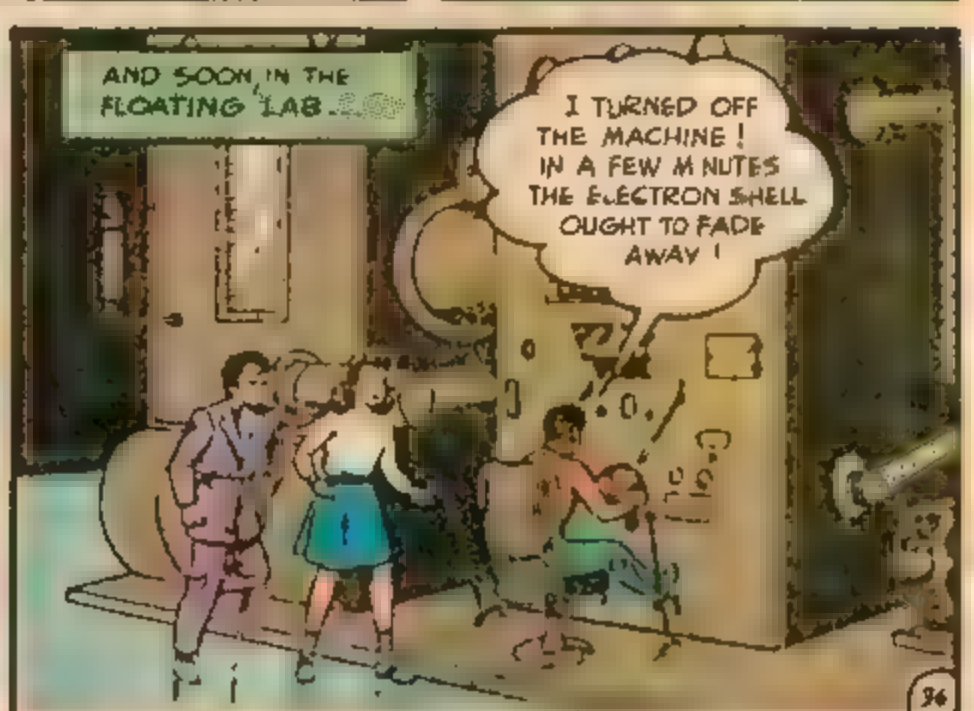

PAPA! THE TRACKS END HERE!
SPLIT UP! YOU KIDS GO UPSTREAM, AND I'LL GO DOWNSTREAM! I'M GLAD THEY'RE MAKING THIS SUCH FUN FOR US! HEH, HEH!

BUT BILLY PULLS ANOTHER TRICK, DOWNSTREAM!
THIS IS AN OLD FOX TRICK. I MADE A SHORT TRAIL AWAY FROM HERE AND THEN WALKED BACKWARDS SO THAT THE FOOTPRINTS WOULD ONLY GO ONE WAY! NOW WE'LL CONTINUE DOWNSTREAM!

DR SIVANA, THE GREATEST EVIL GENIUS ON EARTH, FALLS FOR THE OLD TRICK, AND FOLLOWS THE FALSE TRAIL!
THEY TURNED OFF HERE! NOW TO RUN THEM DOWN! HEH, HEH, HEH!


AND FREE OF PURSUIT, THE KIDS DOUBLE BACK TO THE PALACE!
HURRY! NOW WE CAN TAKE THEIR ROCKET SHIP!


HEAD FOR THE FLOATING LAB!


AND SOON, IN THE FLOATING LAB...
I TURNED OFF THE MACHINE! IN A FEW MINUTES THE ELECTRON SHELL OUGHT TO FADE AWAY!
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SHAZAM!
SHAZAM!
CAPTAIN MARVEL!
MAGIC LIGHT-
DOWN AS
ALWAYS
BOOM
NEVER AGAIN SHOW
UP, EH?
MACHINE NOW,
THEY CAN NEVER
USE IT AGAIN!
CRASH
POW!
BANG!
CLANK!
BANG
FOR THE SIVANA
FAMILY!
CURSES!
I LOST THE
TRAIL ENTIRELY! I
WISH I COULD
FIND MARY!
MARY MARVEL!
OHNNNNNNH!

ELSEWHERE .
WHERE IS FREDDY FREEMAN ?
GONE ! BUT WHAT I DO ?
AND LAST OF ALL ..
SIVANA ! I HEAR A SOUND IN THOSE BUSHES ! IT MUST BE BILLY !
HELLO, SIVANA !
WAM!
NO---IT CAN'T BE---CAPTAIN MARVEL ! OH, ALL IS LOST !
LATER, AT THE PALACE
THERE ! THAT'LL KEEP YOU TILL THE POLICE COME AND TAKE OVER ! THIS IS THE END OF YOUR GRAND SCHEME TO DESTROY THE MARVEL FAMILY AND SMASH CIVILIZATION !
AND I GUESS THAT PROVES THAT THE MARVEL FAMILY HAS IT ALL OVER THE SIVANA FAMILY !
PAH ! THE SIVANA FAMILY WILL MAKE A COME-BACK, WAIT AND SEE !
IF THE SIVANA FAMILY EVER DOES TRY A COME-BACK WE'LL BE ON HAND TO SEE THAT THEY DON'T SUCCEED !
RIGHT !
NO MATTER WHAT EVIL MENACE RISES UP, THE MARVEL FAMILY IS ALWAYS READY TO FIGHT AND SMASH IT !
THE END.

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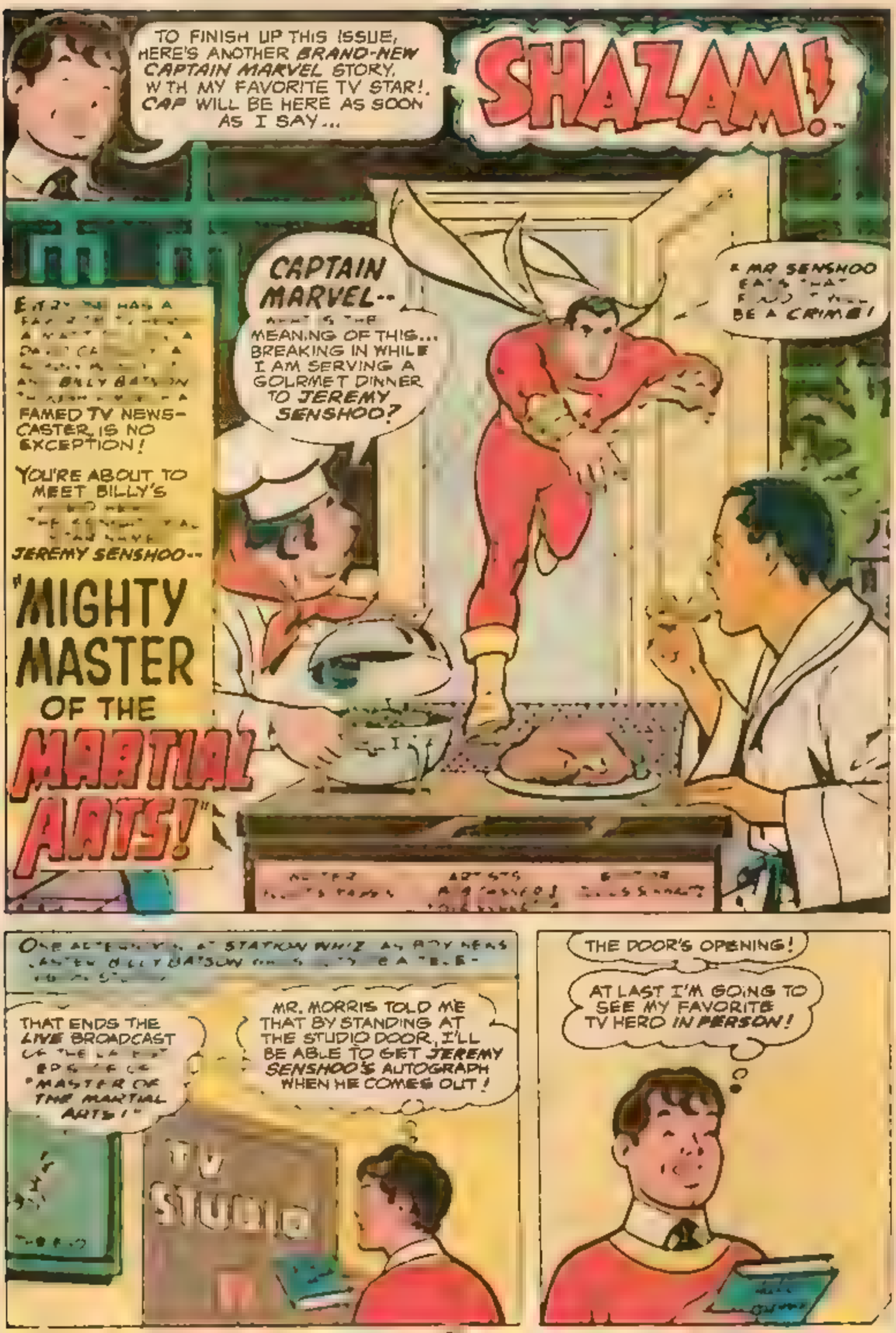
TO FINISH UP THIS ISSUE, HERE'S ANOTHER BRAND-NEW CAPTAIN MARVEL STORY, WITH MY FAVORITE TV STAR! CAP WILL BE HERE AS SOON AS I SAY...
SHAZAM!
FAMED TV NEWS-CASTER, IS NO EXCEPTION!
YOU'RE ABOUT TO MEET BILLY'S
JEREMY SENSHOO--
"MIGHTY MASTER OF THE MARTIAL ARTS!"
CAPTAIN MARVEL--
MEANING OF THIS... BREAKING IN WHILE I AM SERVING A GOURMET DINNER TO JEREMY SENSHOO?
MR SENSHOO EATS THAT FOOD THAT BE A CRIME!
THAT ENDS THE LIVE BROADCAST OF THE LATEST EPISODE OF "MASTER OF THE MARTIAL ARTS!"
MR. MORRIS TOLD ME THAT BY STANDING AT THE STUDIO DOOR, I'LL BE ABLE TO GET JEREMY SENSHOO'S AUTOGRAPH WHEN HE COMES OUT!
TV STUDIO
THE DOOR'S OPENING!
AT LAST I'M GOING TO SEE MY FAVORITE TV HERO IN PERSON!

FOLLOW ME GUYS-- HE'LL BE COMING THIS WAY!
HOLY MOLEY--!
MR. SENSHOO, CAN I--er... WOULD YOU PLEASE SIGN-- UNGPHH!
TEACH ME KARATE AND KUNG FU LIKE YOU DO ON YOUR SHOW, MR. SENSHOO?
SIGN YOUR AUTOGRAPH, MR. SENSHOO?
YOU ONLY HAVE TIME TO SIGN ONE AUTOGRAPH, MR. SENSHOO!
OBOY! HE'S SIGNING MINE!
WE'LL ESCORT YOU AWAY FROM THIS MOB, MR. SENSHOO!
THANK YOU, SECURITY GUARDS!
NOW I'LL NEVER GET HIS AUTOGRAPH!
LOOK AT THIS BEAUTIFUL SIGNATURE.. "JEREMY SENSHOO"!
I'D GIVE JUST ABOUT ANYTHING TO GET THAT AUTOGRAPH!
THIS SIGNATURE IS WORTH PLENTY IN THE AUTOGRAPH MARKET!
HOLY MOLEY-- THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!
SHAZAM!

WITH THE MENTION OF THE MAGIC NAME, A BOLT OF LIGHTNING AND A CRASH OF THUNDER FILL THE HALLWAY TO BRING...
BOOM!
--THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL--!
CAPTAIN MARVEL! WH-WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?
TO FIND OUT THE GOING RATE ON AUTOGRAPHS!
HOW MANY SIGNATURES OF JEREMY SENSHOO ARE WORTH ONE OF MINE?
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL BACKWARDS, CAP!
A HUNDRED OF YOUR SIGNATURES ARE WORTH JUST ONE OF JEREMY SENSHOO!
OHH... REALLY...?
HEY-- WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I'M SIGNING MY NAME AT THE SPEED OF MERCURY SO THAT IN A FLASH YOU'LL HAVE...
Auto-graphs
...ONE HUNDRED AUTOGRAPHS OF THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL--
--IN EXCHANGE FOR ONE AUTOGRAPH OF THE MIGHTY MASTER OF THE MARTIAL ARTS!
IT'S A DEAL!
THEN, AS BILLY HEADS HOME WITH HIS PRECIOUS AUTOGRAPH...
HOLY MOLEY-- THAT'S JEREMY SENSHOO IN FRONT OF THAT JEWELRY STORE!
JEWELRY CO.
HAI-YAHHH!
THE JEWELS IN THIS STORE BELONG TO ME.. MIGHTY MASTER OF THE MARTIAL ARTS!
FILL UP THIS SACK WITH YOUR MOST VALUABLE JEWELS! HAI YAHH!!
Y-YES, SIR... MR. SENSHOO! I'M SURE YOU HAVE A VERY GOOD REASON FOR WANTING TO-- er--BORROW THEM...
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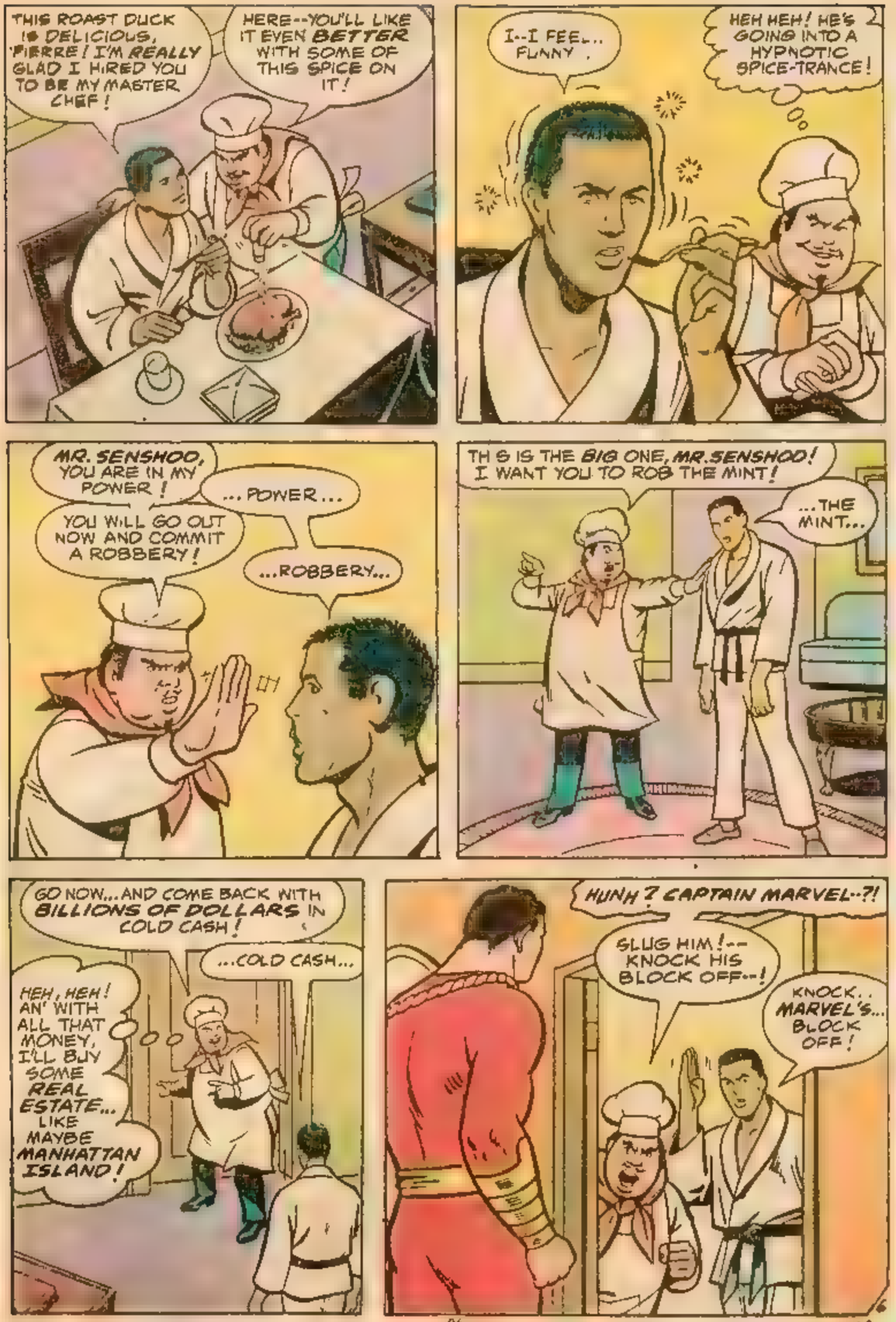
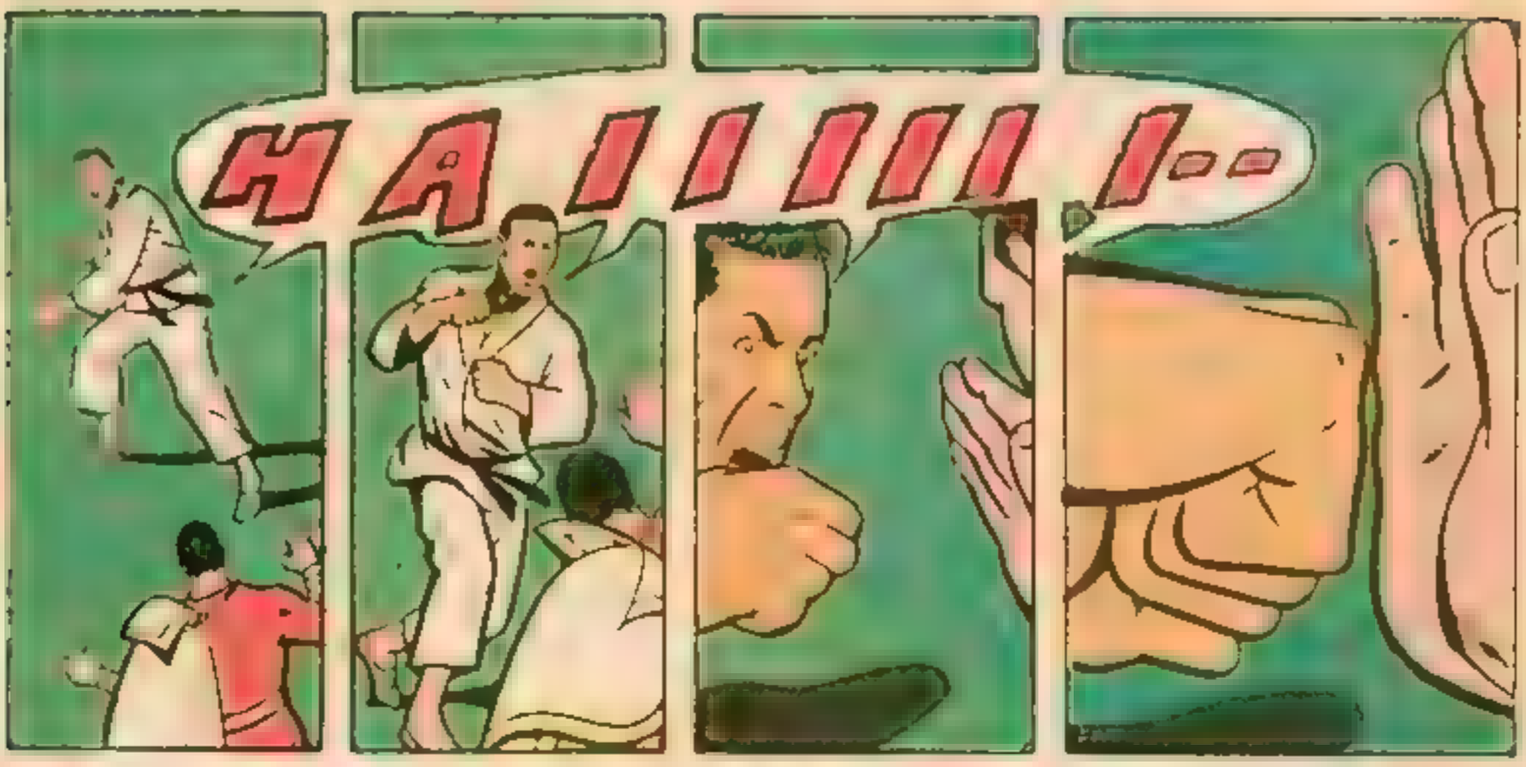
HOLEY MOLEY-- I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
MY HERO, JEREMY SENSHOO, IS ROBBING A JEWELRY STORE!
SHAZAM!
POW!
A BOLT OF MYSTIC LIGHTNING THAT STRIKES FROM THE FARTHEST REACHES OF THE UNIVERSE MEANS
...THAT IT IS THE RED-SUITED CAPTAIN MARVEL WHO MEETS THE TV MARTIAL ARTS EXPERT AS HE BOLTS FROM THE JEWELRY STORE ...
JEREMY SENSHOO--YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF... A HERO TO KIDS TURNING CRIMINAL!
DON'T GIVE ME A SERMON GOOD CAPTAIN
HA!--
--YAHH!!
--URFF!
YOU-YOU TOOK ME BY SURPRISE! NOW GIVE ME THAT LOOT--
HA!!!--
--YAHHH!
WHAT'S THIS? THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL--KNOCKED OUT BY NO MORE THAN A KARATE BLOW?
NOW TO GET MOVE WITH THIS BOOTY!

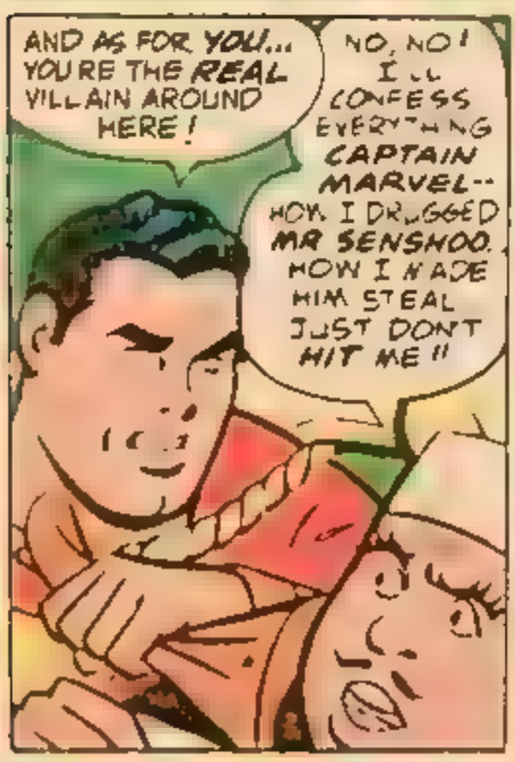
MEANWHILE IN THE STATELY MANSION WHERE THE TELEVISION STAR LIVES...
ROAST STUFFED DUCK IN ORANGE SAUCE--AN EPICUREAN DELIGHT--COURTESY OF CHEF PERRE!
WHO ELSE COULD PREPARE A MEAL SO FRIGHTFULLY DELICIOUS WITH JUST THE IDEAL SPICES AND HERBS...
.. THAT CAN CAUSE A TOWER OF VIRTUE LIKE JEREMY SENSHOO TO GO INTO A TRANCE AND ROB A JEWELRY STORE AT MY BIDDING?
AH! I HEAR HIM COMING NOW!
I BRING YOU.. THE JEWELS .. AS ORDERED..
VERY GOOD, MR SENSHOO! GIVE THEM HERE LIKE A GOOD LITTLE LACKEY!
NOW YOU WILL COMPLETELY FORGET ALL THAT HAPPENED!
SNAP!
OHH..?!
DINNER IS SERVED!
YOU KNOW, PERRE, FOR THE LIFE OF ME I CAN'T SEEM TO REMEMBER ANYTHING I DID AFTER THE BROADCAST TODAY!
IF ONLY SENSHOO KNEW THAT THE SPECIAL SPICES I PUT IN HIS FOOD MAKE HIM OBEY MY EVERY COMMAND!
HIS REPUTATION AS A "GOOD GUY" WILL SOON BE RUINED--BUT I WON'T CARE... I'LL BE RICH!

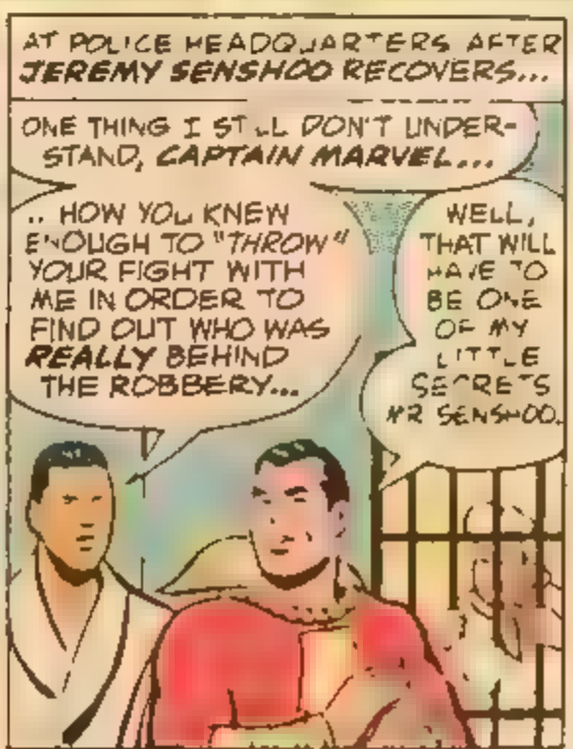

THIS ROAST DUCK IS DELICIOUS, PIERRE! I'M REALLY GLAD I HIRED YOU TO BE MY MASTER CHEF!
HERE--YOU'LL LIKE IT EVEN BETTER WITH SOME OF THIS SPICE ON IT!
I--I FEEL... FUNNY.
HEH HEH! HE'S GOING INTO A HYPNOTIC SPICE-TRANCE!
MR. SENSHOO, YOU ARE IN MY POWER!
...POWER...
YOU WILL GO OUT NOW AND COMMIT A ROBBERY!
...ROBBERY...
TH S IS THE BIG ONE, MR. SENSHOO! I WANT YOU TO ROB THE MINT!
...THE MINT...
GO NOW...AND COME BACK WITH BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN COLD CASH!
...COLD CASH...
HEH, HEH! AN' WITH ALL THAT MONEY, I'LL BUY SOME REAL ESTATE... LIKE MAYBE MANHATTAN ISLAND!
HUNH? CAPTAIN MARVEL--?!
SLUG HIM!-- KNOCK HIS BLOCK OFF--!
KNOCK.. MARVEL'S... BLOCK OFF!

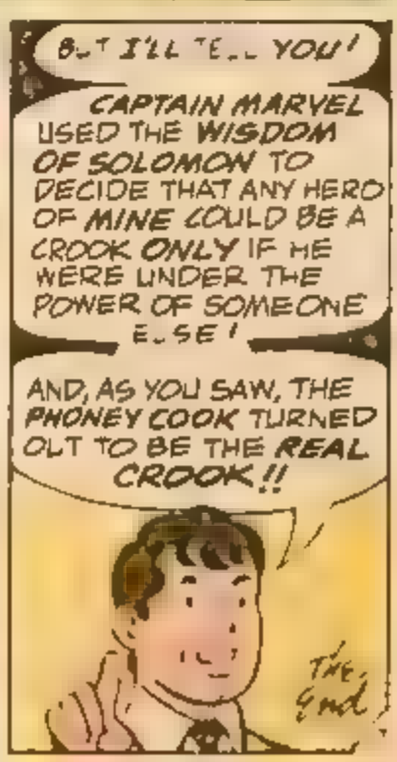

HAIIIII!oo

--YARGHHH!!
YOUR HAND IS AS HARD AS A ROCK!
I PRETENDED TO LOSE THAT FIGHT OUTSIDE THE JEWELRY STORE TO SEE WHAT YOUR GAME WAS--AND NOW THAT I KNOW...

...I'LL HAVE TO KNOCK YOU OUT UNTIL THE EFFECTS OF YOUR HYPNOTIC FOOD WEAR OFF!
I BETTER GET OUT OF HERE


AND AS FOR YOU... YOU'RE THE REAL VILLAIN AROUND HERE!
NO, NO! I'LL CONFESS EVERYTHING CAPTAIN MARVEL-- HOW I DRUGGED MR SENSHOO. HOW I MADE HIM STEAL JUST DON'T HIT ME!!


AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS AFTER JEREMY SENSHOO RECOVERS...
ONE THING I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND, CAPTAIN MARVEL...
.. HOW YOU KNEW ENOUGH TO "THROW" YOUR FIGHT WITH ME IN ORDER TO FIND OUT WHO WAS REALLY BEHIND THE ROBBERY...
WELL, THAT WILL HAVE TO BE ONE OF MY LITTLE SECRETS MR SENSHOO.


BUT I'LL TELL YOU!
CAPTAIN MARVEL USED THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON TO DECIDE THAT ANY HERO OF MINE COULD BE A CROOK ONLY IF HE WERE UNDER THE POWER OF SOMEONE ELSE!
AND, AS YOU SAW, THE PHONEY COOK TURNED OUT TO BE THE REAL CROOK!!
THE END

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Dear Editor

Your choices of reprints for the *Super-Spectacular Shazam* #8 were better than ever. "A Twice-Told Tale" totally ignored all the usual paradoxes of time-travel, but was still fine for *Captain Marvel*, however out of place it would have been in a more serious magazine. This story was evidently intended to fill in new readers on the *Captain's* origin; and here it succeeded as admirably as in 1947. Of course, I'd have preferred the original, but no doubt that's still unavailable.

Mary Marvel's origin, which I'd already read in the original, was also well-chosen. But the high point of the issue was definitely "The Mighty Marvels Join Forces." I'd heard a lot about this story, and though it didn't quite live up to expectations in spots (particularly *Uncle Marvel's* famous and brilliant method of tricking *Black Adam*, which was greatly weakened by foreshadowing) it was still one of the best ever.

"The Vest-Pocket Levitator" — good story and great art.

"Mary Marvel and the Dognappers"—the low point of the issue, but still entertaining.

"The Adventure in Time"—not bad. Let's see the origin of the *Lieutenant Marvels* soon.

"The Talking Tiger" and "The Return of Mr. Tawny" rounded out the issue in excellent style, with a look at the origin of one of the most original characters ever to appear. So that finally settles it—Jules Feiffer to the contrary notwithstanding, *Mr. Tawny* was *never* a villain.

Ahh . . . now to the letterco! And still the storm rages regarding the true contributors to *Mary Marvel's* powers. I think your own sextet is the best one offered—although *Artemis'* contribution of fleetness alone is rather vague. Perhaps the heroine *Atalanta* would be a better choice here.

Richard Morrissey, Framingham, Mass.

(The original origin of Captain Marvel *will be available soon in one of our* First Edition *reprints—a King-Size reproduction of* Whiz Comics *#2—the one which introduced the* Captain *to the world. We can't go along with* Atalanta *to give* Mary *her fleetness, though, because, although fleet of foot, she couldn't fly. The next correspondent has a different idea, however.*—E.N.B.*)*

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Dear Editor

If you change anything on *Mary Marvel's* chart, you should change *Zephyrus* to something else. Maybe I'm being vain or something, but I don't want *Aurora* taken out, although I agree she shouldn't stand for beauty. I think she should contribute fleetness, because (1) she was the mother of *Zephyrus*, and (2) she had to be fleet or else she (the goddess of the dawn) would have been trampled by the horses of the sun-chariot as she led them to the gate for the sunrise each day.

Anyhow, *Mary* could get her invulnerability from any of the women on the chart, because they're all immortal.

I'm proud to see my name in something besides mythology, so please don't change *Aurora* for something else.

Aurora R. Frank, San Pedro, Calif.

*(True—*Aurora *was indeed the mother of all four wind gods—including* Zephyrus. *However, all goddesses were not invulnerable. In* The Iliad, *Homer tells how the Greek hero* Diomedes *wounded* Ares, *the War God, and* Aphrodite, *the Love-Goddess, in one day!*—E.N.B.*)*

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Dear Ed

In Leonard Cottrell's fine book on Ancient Egypt, *Life Under the Pharaohs*, he tells of one of Egypt's earlier tales of magical adventure, "King Cheops and the Magicians." In this ancient tale are told the fantastic feats of the great *kherheb* (magician), *Zazamonkh*, whose name I find strikingly similar to *Captain Marvel's* wondrous wizard, *Shazam*. *Cheops* ruled Egypt about 2900 to 2877 B.C., and *Zazamonkh* was the magician of *Cheops'* father, *Snofru*. Thus the story takes place about 5,000 years ago, when *Shazam* was in Egypt (creating *Black Adam*). Quite a coincidence, I would say!

As to the god names on the charts of *Captain Marvel* and *Mary Marvel*, I think they should be Egyptian, since *Shazam* was an Egyptian wizard, and I would think gods and goddesses with heads of animals would be a comic artist's delight. They could be included in some of the stories, and a wealth of storylines could be developed around them.

Ned Hemard, New Orleans, La.

(The parallels between Shazam *and* Zazamonkh *are, indeed, remarkable. I looked up the story and found that* Zazamonkh *was known as "the scribe of the book"—and there is a book of mystic secrets beside the throne of* Shazam. *But change the chart of Cap's powers? Not a chance!* Solomon, Hercules, Atlas, Zeus, Achilles *and* Mercury *are too well established for that. Elsewhere in this issue, you'll see the parts they've played in some of the* Marvels' *adventures.*—E.N.B.*)*

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Dear Nelson

Shazam #8 was a dream come true. Dick Lupoff's article in *All in Color for a Dime* really whetted my comic appetite and DC came through with many of the stories Mr. Lupoff wrote about. Again DC seems to be "in tune" with the public by reprinting rare stories for both the casual reader and the hard-core comix fan.

Each individual story was very good unto itself but the consummate comic mag really impressed me. It seemed to center on the *Captain Marvel* legend—his creation, the appearances of *Captain Marvel Jr.* and *Mary Marvel*, and the subsequent teaming of the *Marvel Family* via *Black Adam's* threat to *Shazam*. My only disappointment was that *Shazam* himself wasn't explored to any great extent. Perhaps this aspect can be more fully explored in future issues of *Shazam*, eh?

Keep improving and make the *Captain* a legend to this present generation.

Steven Scheibner, Jackson Heights, N.Y.

(We promise more of Shazam *soon. The* Rock of Eternity *holds many secrets, and we'll be taking a look at them in this magazine.*—E.N.B.*)*

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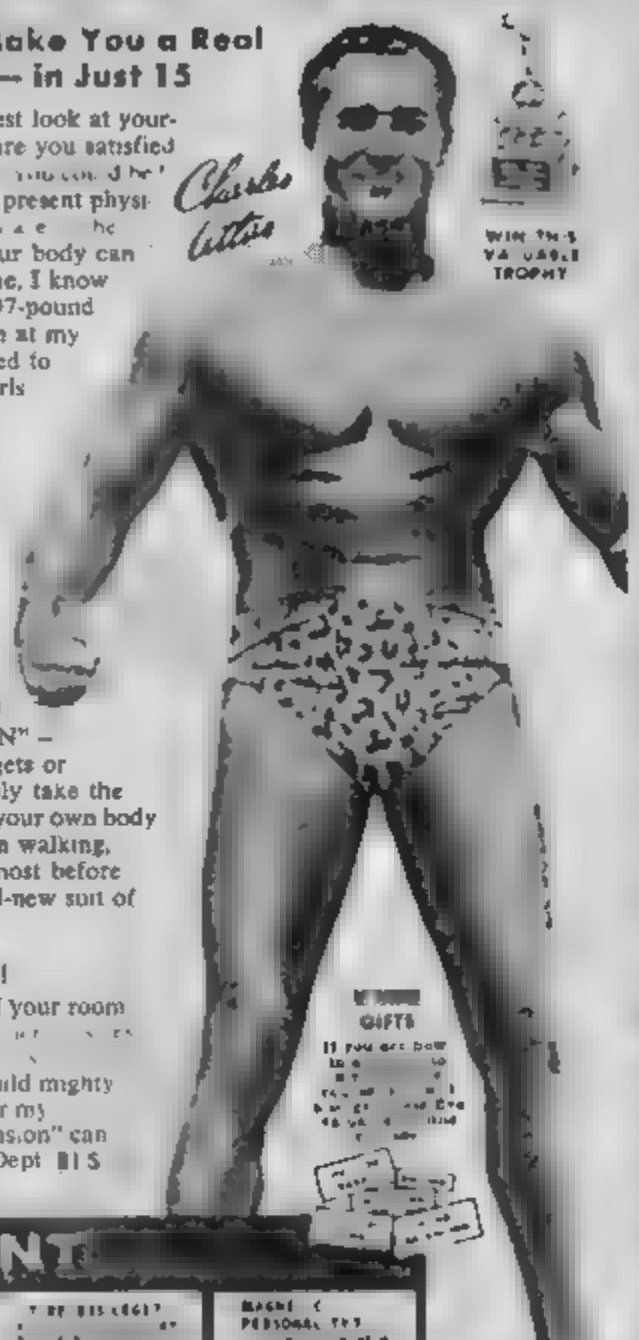

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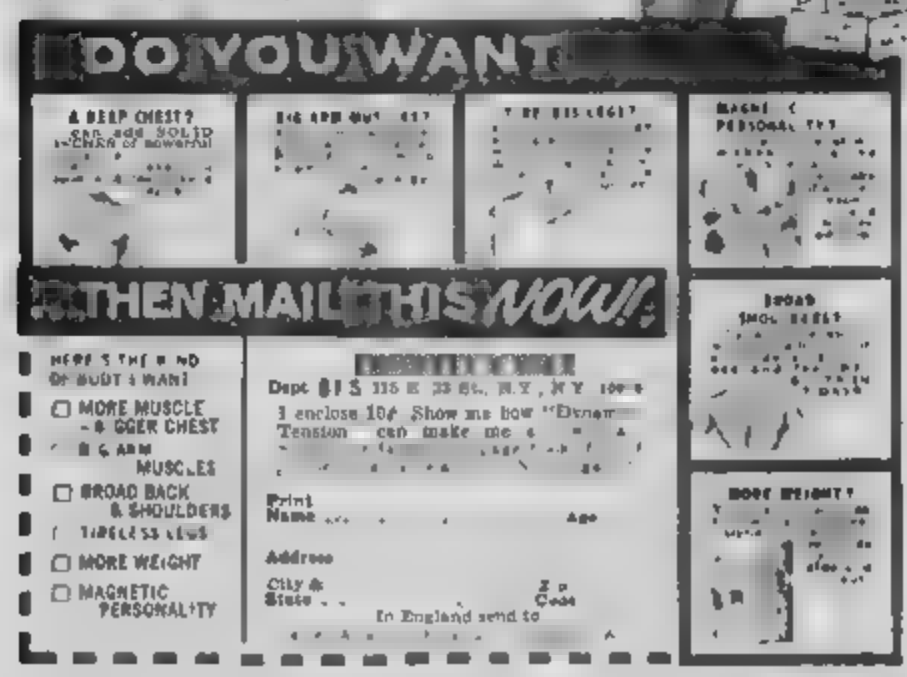

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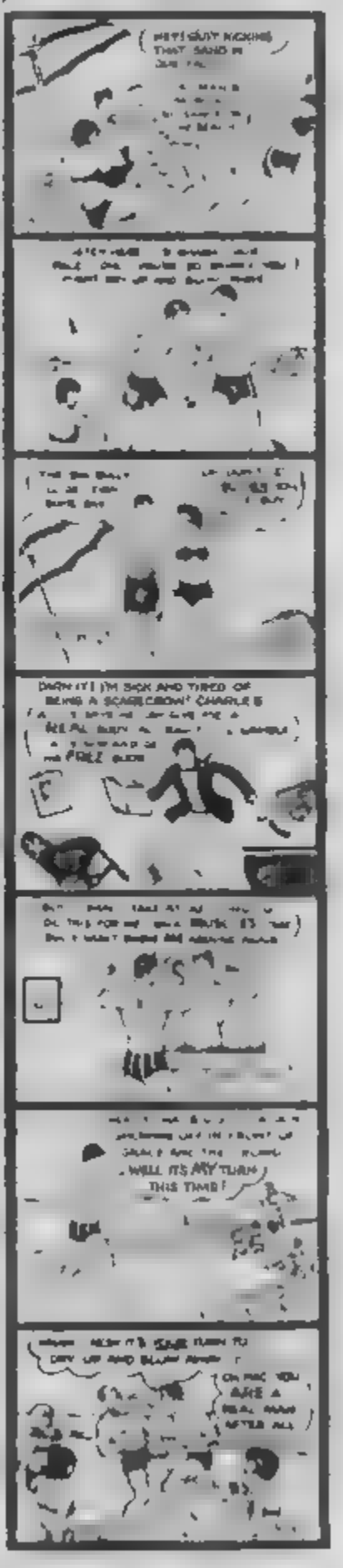
THE INSULT THAT MADE A MAN OUT OF 'MAC'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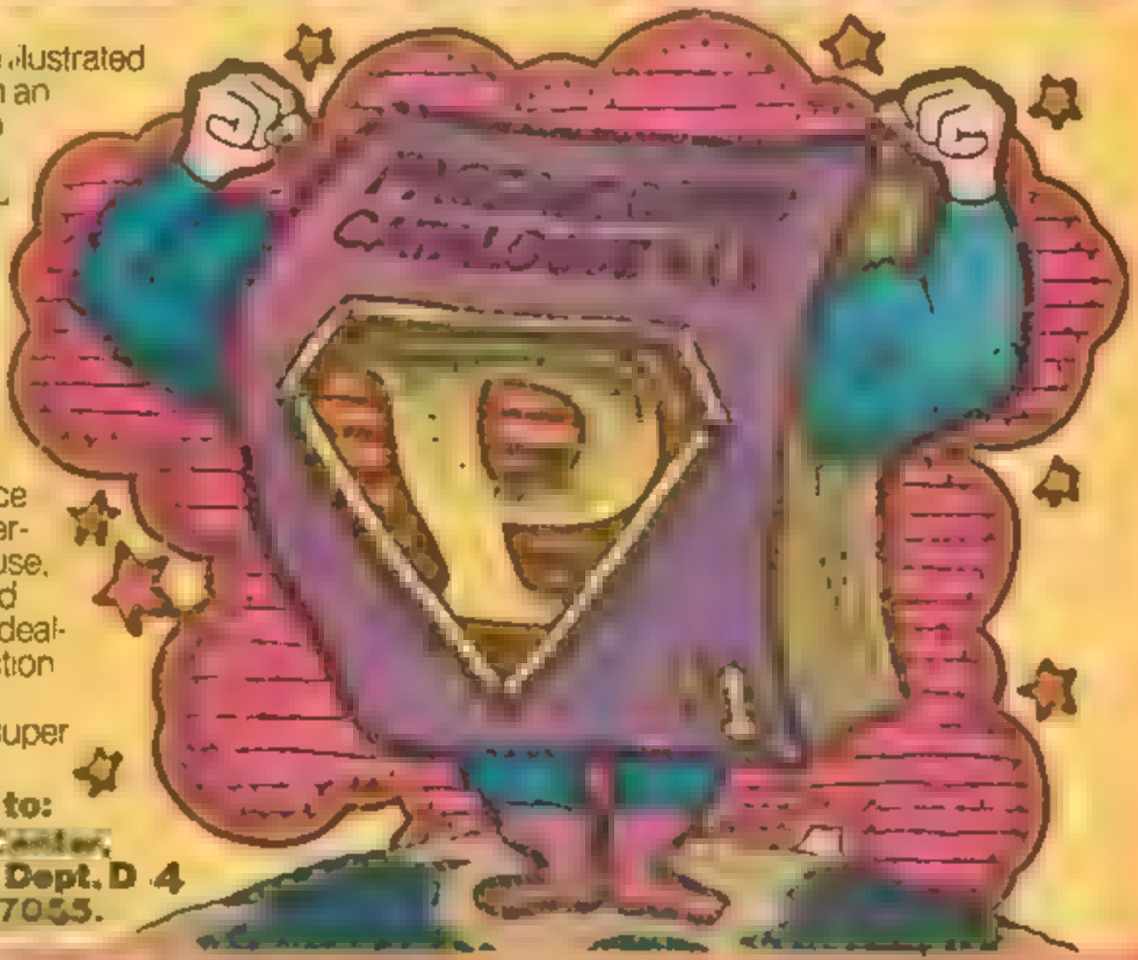

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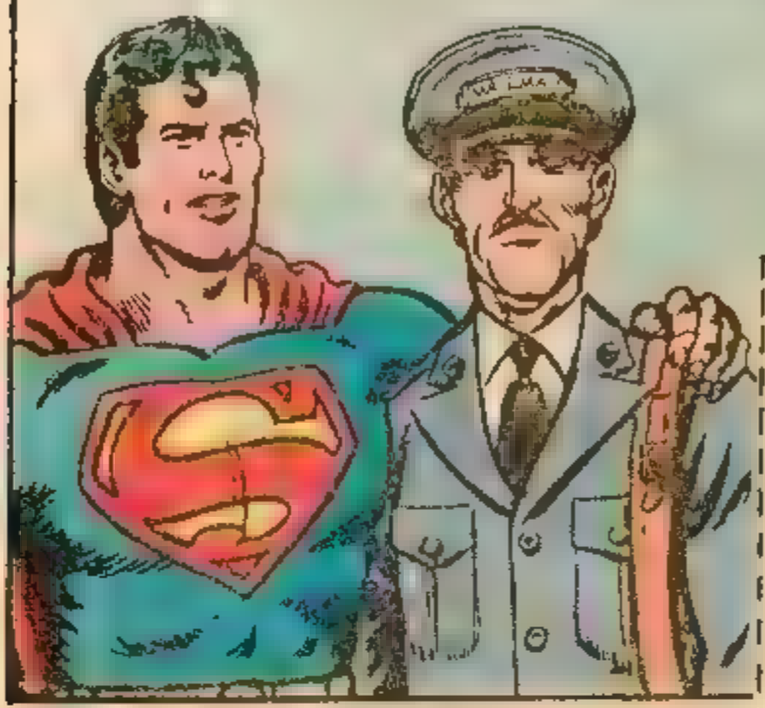

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